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Zellweger has baby blues, so does Cooper

Court orders flogging for acid attack

CRIME A court sentenced a Malaysian man to six years in prison and ordered him to be flogged with a rattan cane after he pleaded guilty to splashing a bottle of acid on his wife for refusing to have sex with him on April 7, an official said yesterday.

The unemployed 47-year-old Supian Hani Ismail began serving the prison term Monday.

Supian will also receive two lashes of a thick rattan stick, which generally leaves lifelong scars.

Supian's wife was recovering in a hospital.

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Obama No nukes for you

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U.S. President Barack Obama takes a question during a press conference yesterday at the Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C. Delegates from 47 countries gathered at the invitation of the U.S. government to talk about nuclear security and how to make dangerous materials less accessible to terrorists. More coverage, page 12.

Tipping the house

Many restaurants ask their servers to give part of their tip — usually divvied up between the server, kitchen staff and the host — to the house. And that amount demanded may have risen along with the minimum wage.

A tip-out to the business wasn't common until a year ago. But when the economy slowed down, some restaurants introduced the concept. When the minimum wage rose to $10.25 from $9.50 about two weeks ago, some more restaurants started the practice.

The minimum wage for servers, typically students or new immigrants, is only $8.90 per hour.

Employers can't deduct wages to cover broken dishes or credit-card mistakes, but tips are not wages legally. Servers still have to give tips to the house even if they aren't tipped by the customer.

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Fee for breakage and errors?

- Tip-outs to the house (restaurant) range from one to five per cent of gross sales and are explained as a fee for covering breakage or monetary error.

Giambrone confirms he's out of politics

CITY HALL Councillor and TTC chair Adam Giambrone confirmed yesterday he won't run again in his Davenport ward.

Giambrone's executive assistant, Kevin Beaulieu — best known for stepping up to the microphone to offer his boss's resignation from the mayoral race in February — will run in his Davenport ward.

"I will, of course, be staying on to complete the term as councillor for Ward 18 and TTC chair," Giambrone wrote on his Facebook page.

In an email to supporters, Giambrone wrote he is "excited about the possibilities of a return to private life," and pointed with pride to his achievements, including: The Transit City light rail plan; the repair of the Dufferin Street jog; renovation of the Gladstone library; and the redesign of Lansdowne and Gladstone avenues. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Fall

- Adam Giambrone, 33, was elected to Toronto City Hall in 2003 at the age of 26 and in February announced he would seek the mayor's office in the Oct. 25 elections.
- His campaign unravelled just days later when he confessed to cheating on his partner with several women.

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Connick to headline Jazz Festival

Singer, composer and pianist Harry Connick Jr., left, is headlining the Toronto Jazz Festival this June, appearing at Nathan Phillips Square with Chris Potter on sax and bassist Dave Holland. Connick is a three-time Grammy winner who has sold more than 25 million albums worldwide. He is one of hundreds of jazz, blues and soul artists set to take over the city for the festival, which will run June 25 to July 4. Among the other big acts are the Allen Toussaint Band, Angelique Kidjo and Taj Mahal. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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News in brief

CRASH A 19-year-old woman hurt after being ejected from a car in Mississauga was not wearing her seatbelt, police say. At around 5:45 p.m. Monday, the woman hit a pole while driving on North Sheridan Way. The car slid into a ditch and rolled over. The driver is expected to live. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Let us open on holidays: Retailers

Retailers are asking city hall for the right to open on nine holidays throughout the year, including Christmas and New Year's.

"People want the choice, that's the real issue," said John Kiru, executive director of the Toronto Association of Business Improvement Areas, representing some 27,000 businesses in the city.

The group's request for the right to open will be debated next week at the economic development committee and go on to council for a final decision in May.

City council gained control over store hours when the City of Toronto Act came into effect in 2006.

However, councillors decided to leave things as they had been, with holiday openings only for the Eaton Centre, Yonge Street strip, Yorkville, Harbourfront and the Distillery District.

Meanwhile, there has been no enforcement and no charges laid against retailers outside those areas, resulting in confused store owners, Kiru said.

"The situation has been very ambiguous. A week before any of these holidays, I'll be getting hundreds of calls from people asking, 'Can I stay open, why can't I stay open?'

"People have felt like criminals in trying to stay open during tough economic times when they felt they could make a few bucks," Kiru said.

Malls on the periphery of the city — Vaughan Mills and the Pacific Mall — have been granted the tourist designation that allows them to operate on the holidays, said Coun. Kyle Rae.

"Yorkdale can't be open and the Pacific Mall in Markham can be and is stealing business from them," Rae said.

"What we're trying to do is level the playing field." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Disputed days

Yorkdale and Sherway Gardens have asked for the right to open on holidays, including:

- New Year's Day
- Family Day
- Good Friday
- Easter Sunday
- Victoria Day
- Canada Day
- Labour Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

Three schools locked after nearby gunshots

SUSPICIOUS The doors to three Toronto schools were locked yesterday afternoon after shots were fired nearby.

At about 1 p.m., two officers who had pulled over a vehicle in a traffic stop heard what they believed to be the sound of gunshots fired on the street just outside of Vaughan Road Academy on Vaughan Road, near Winona Drive.

The school, along with nearby Arlington Public School and J.R. Wilcox Community School, was put into a state of "hold and secure." While the exterior doors to the school were locked, students were still able to move between classes inside.

"Hold and secure" is different from a lockdown, in which students are locked in their classrooms.

Sgt. Travers Wynne said the schools were locked because officers didn't want students walking through the crime scene before they searched for evidence. The schools were reopened at about 3:30 p.m.

The Emergency Task Force and tracking dogs were called in.

Police found two shell casings a block away from Vaughan Road Academy, on Atlas Avenue, but no signs of victims.

Three men were detained, but no firearm was found. It is not yet known if any students of the schools were involved in the incident. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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A police tactical team searches a side street yesterday after receiving a call there were gunshots fired near Vaughan Road Academy.

Trial opens in fatal stabbing at Foot Locker

DEATH Kurt Azeez was shoe shopping in a crowded Foot Locker at the Scarborough Town Centre when he was stabbed in the chest and collapsed.

Azeez never regained consciousness and died a little more than a year later. He had just turned 21. The second-degree murder trial of the man accused of wielding the knife on Dec. 1, 2007, opened yesterday.

Kareem King, 20, has pleaded not guilty.

Security cameras captured what happened to Azeez from different angles. The images show a confrontation between Azeez and King near the store's cash desk, Crown attorney Kim Motyl told jurors in her opening statement.

Eyewitnesses who were inside the store will testify about the altercation and stabbing, court was told. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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U of T students push for bike box lanes
University of Toronto students say "bike boxes" — marked-off areas at the entrances to intersections — would ensure greater safety. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Footage shows intent, court hears

Paintball games simulated 'jihadi' combat: Infiltrator

The organizers of an alleged terrorist training camp videotaped attendees performing military exercises and undergoing firearms training to show how "serious" they were and to advertise the group to potential recruits, local imams and jihadi leaders overseas, a court heard yesterday.

Mubin Shaikh, who infiltrated the alleged homegrown terror cell, testified in a Brampton court about a camp held in late December 2005, in a wooded area in Washago, Ont., where attendees played paintball war games and handled a 9-mm handgun.

"Paintball is a substitute for combat," said the former army cadet, who testified he was recruited by the group's alleged ringleader, Fahim Ahmad, to be a camp trainer.

The paintball games, said Shaikh, "simulated combat, but with a jihadi flavour ... Muslim combatants against the infidels."

Shaikh is testifying at the trial of Toronto-area men Ahmad, Steven Chand and Asad Ansari, who were arrested on June 2, 2006.

They have all pleaded not guilty.

They are the last three members of the alleged terror cell to face trial and the first to have their case tried by a jury.

The court was shown photographs of trees with bullet grazings and paintball splatterings, remnants of their alleged training sessions.

Shaikh said one of the camp's leaders videotaped many of the activities, some of which were played for the jury. In one scene, a man is lying in the snow pretending to be a sniper. In another, Shaikh is visible shooting an air rifle and jolting back as if from the kickback.

Shaikh said he played along in staging the scene with the air rifle because he was instructed to do so by a camp leader, who wanted to "give the impression that we were using larger calibre weapons."

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The accused and the charges

- Ansari, 25, Ahmad and Chand are all charged with knowingly participating in a terrorist group for the purpose of carrying out a terrorist activity. Ahmad, 25, is also charged with importing firearms for a terrorist group, as well as knowingly instructing his co-accused to carry out an activity for a terrorist group. Chand, 29, is also charged with counselling to commit fraud over $5,000 for the benefit of a terrorist group. The trial before Justice Fletcher Dawson is expected to last up to two months.

Yonge/Dundas **Below the belt**

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People hopped into crazy giant underwear yesterday and raced around Yonge and Dundas Square to help launch the 2010 North York General Hospital's Underwear Affair, presented by Mark's Work Wearhouse, to raise funds to help fight cancers below the waist. For more information visit www.uncoverthecure.org.

Ministry probes driving school allegations

TRANSPORTATION Critics are calling on the transportation ministry to regulate driving schools that routinely chauffeur would-be Toronto drivers to far-off towns like Bancroft to take their road tests.

Transportation Minister Kathleen Wynne said the ministry is reviewing concerns over discrepancies in the pass/fail rates at the province's 55 DriveTest centres and will forward its findings to her.

Wynne said her ministry is looking into allegations that driving schools are coaching students on small-town test routes used by DriveTest examiners and signalled that greater measures may be needed to preserve the integrity of those routes.

"Are the test routes being used appropriately? That's one of the questions that we have to answer," Wynne said of the concerns.

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Pedestrian struck and killed in Brampton

Police are investigating after a female pedestrian was struck and killed in Brampton yesterday morning. According to Peel police, the woman was struck by a vehicle at the intersection of Queen Street East and Rutherford Road. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Attention 905ers, get ready for the 365ers

AREA CODES Those used to referring to the GTA as simply the "905" versus the "416" will soon have a new figure to factor in the equation — the 365.

The CRTC announced yesterday that the so-called 905 is set to become the first region in Canada to have a third area code. Beginning in 2013, on top of the existing 289 and 905 area codes, regions around Toronto will also have a third: 365.

And, according to the Canadian Numbering Administrator, the "416" — which already has 416 and 647 — will soon follow with a third area code of its own.

According to the CNA, a group that reports to the CRTC and a consortium of carriers, the third area code is being added because the 905 region is expected to run out of telephone numbers by 2014. Rapid growth in the suburban regions and rising use of wireless devices are cited as the reasons.

Each area code has a potential of about 7.5 million unique phone numbers. There are actually more combinations than that, but certain numbers, such as those beginning with 911 or 666, for example, are deemed unusable.

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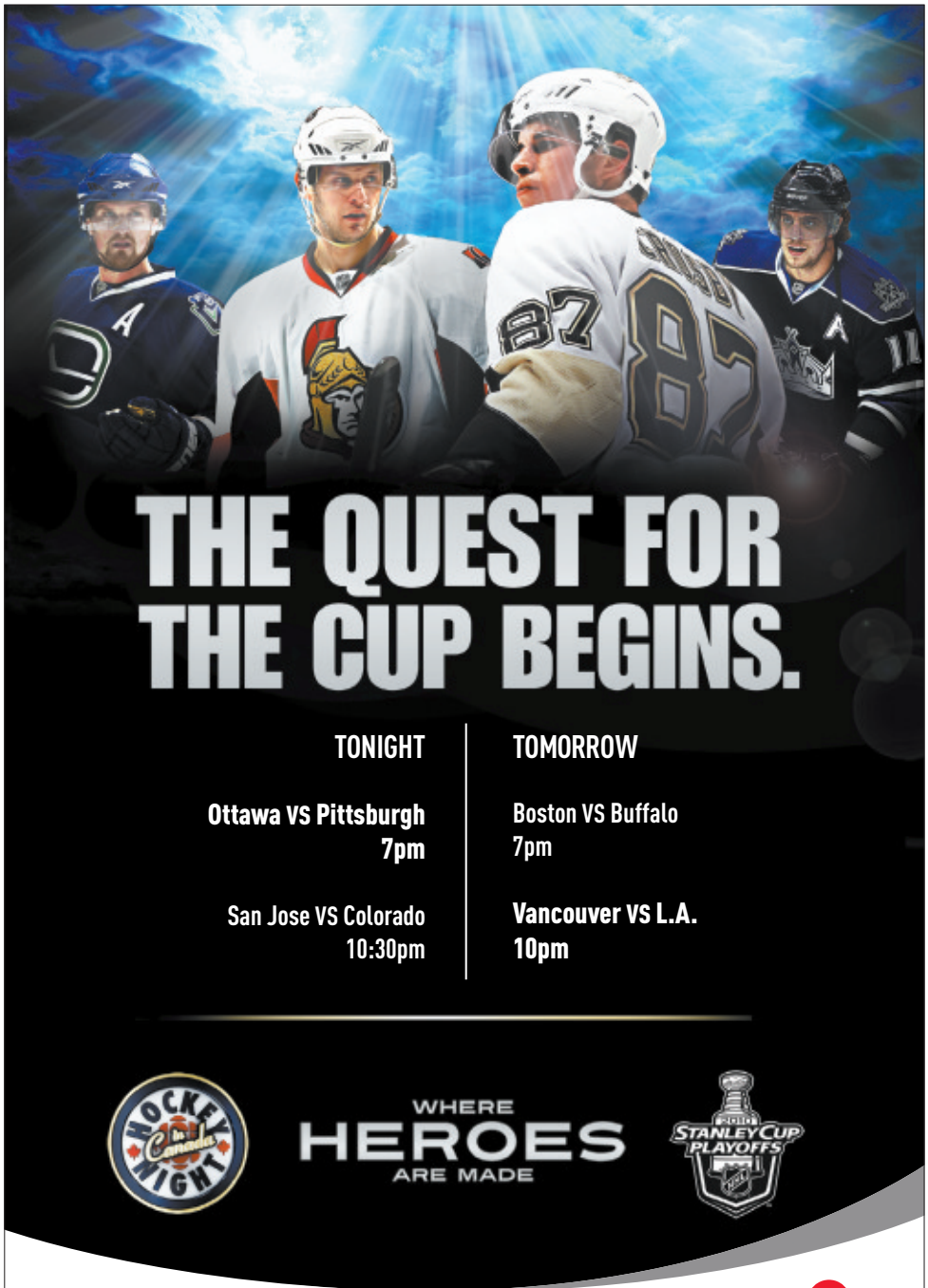
Know the code

- Such numbers can become a signal of status. In the Sex and the City movie, Carrie Bradshaw is distraught after receiving a cellphone with the New York area code 347.



Salesman sold himself well

Testimony in fraud trial continues

When Shahid Sheikh arrived at Airport Nissan in February 2006, he boasted he could "sell a lot of cars" because of his ties to the Punjabi community, says dealer general manager Mark Romeo.

"He came with high expectations," Romeo told a Brampton court yesterday. "He knew a lot of people in his community, lots of immigrants."

Romeo said he became a bit concerned and "surprised" when Sheikh, a.k.a. Sean, sold only one car the first month. But his sales grew and he was averaging about 14 deals per month until he was suspended on June 30, 2006, after Romeo learned the HSBC bank believed some of his deals involved fraud.

Sheikh, 50, Lynn Fuller, who worked as a business manager for the Brampton dealership, and Ranjit Bisram, a customer, have pleaded not guilty to numerous criminal charges in the Brampton court trial.

They're accused in a $1.71-million fraud where imaginary clients as well as those with bad credit, fake insurance slips, phony T4s, and forged employment and income records were used to sell 41 vehicles, including 40 from Airport Nissan, between Oct. 1, 2004, and Aug. 31, 2006.

The other involved a Kia Sorrento sold by Sheikh when he worked for 401 Dixie Kia in Mississauga before being hired in February 2006 by Airport Nissan. Fuller wasn't involved in the Kia sale.

Only 11 of the 41 vehicles were recovered.

Romeo is expected to testify for days as Crown prosecutor Cam Watson painstakingly deals with hundreds of documents involved in the sale of the 40 vehicles.

Shahid Sheikh

"All of the bad deals" involved cars sold by Sheikh with Fuller arranging the financing, Romeo said.

He first learned of the problems at Airport Nissan when HSBC told him of at least four and possibly two more "fraudulent" deals involving buyers whose names weren't real, he said.

Romeo said the bad deals cost the dealership in excess of six figures. "The financial institutions were looking for their money," he said. As a salesman, Sheikh earned 25 per cent commission on a sale's gross profit.

He also received $10 to $20 per extra item sold.

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News in brief

LABOUR Five years after the Justice for Janitors movement hit Toronto, labour activists fear the fight for fair wages and working conditions for office cleaners is in jeopardy. A historic agreement reached three years ago with Hurley Corp., the GTA's largest office cleaning company, with more than 2,500 employees, set a city-wide standard aimed at stopping the decline of cleaners' wages as companies bid for contracts. The agreement, which committed Hurley to city-wide bargaining, was based on the movement's ability to get 14 of the area's largest cleaning companies to also commit to improving industry standards by May 30 of this year. But just eight office cleaning companies have signed on, which include some of the original 14 businesses and some new ones. And so far, Justice for Janitors' attempts to get Hurley to modify their original agreement have failed, leaving the future of the initiative in doubt. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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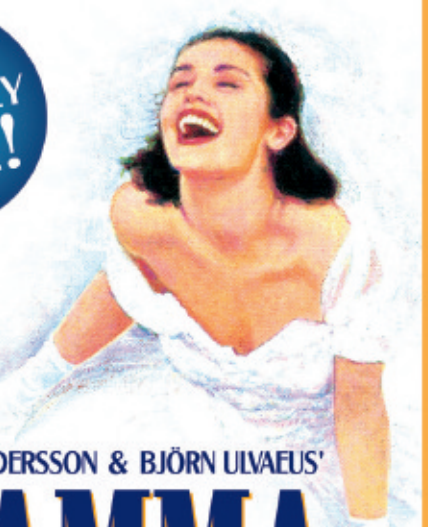

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Quebec man freed in Dominican Republic

Police in the Dominican Republic have released a Quebec man arrested in connection with the death of Louise Gaudreault, CBC News Online reports. The 54-year-old woman from Lac St. Jean, Que., was found stabbed to death April 1 at the ranch she owned in the Caribbean country. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canada

Finally, an apology for Viola

The Nova Scotia government will apologize tomorrow and grant a pardon to the late Viola Desmond, a black woman who was jailed and fined 63 years ago for sitting in the whites-only section of a segregated movie theatre. "It looks to set aside an error that has taken place and to right a wrong," said Premier Darrel Dexter, left.

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Health cash looking ill

Ontario lagging in spending

Ontario is a little sick when it comes to spending on health care.

A new study shows some provinces spend hundreds of dollars more per capita than prosperous Ontario.

It's near the bottom on health-care spending at $3,712, higher only than Quebec's $3,419.

The findings should cause residents to demand more accountability, says economist Dale Orr.

"Most Canadians think the quality and quantity of health care across Canada is reasonably uniform, but (with) these enormous differences in per capita spending ... there's a lot of explaining to do," he said.

"There's a lot of explaining to do."
Dale Orr, economist

And in a reference to the latest scandal embroiling Ottawa, he said: "You would think people would want to know more about this than whether Helena Guergis and (Rahim) Jaffer did whatever they may or may not have done."

The analysis of health-care spending by Toronto-based Dale Orr Economic Insight shows Newfoundland and Labrador spends $1,000 more per person — or about 30 per cent more — than Quebec.

The highest per-capita health-care spenders are Newfoundland and Labrador at $4,490 and Saskatchewan and Alberta at just more than $4,400 each. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Interim information commissioner Suzanne Legault unveils her report yesterday in Ottawa.

Foot-dragging feds get a rap

INFO Federal delays in answering queries from the public threaten to scuttle the right to know, says the information watchdog.

Interim information commissioner Suzanne Legault urged government agencies to take "immediate steps" to curb the persistent foot-dragging she detailed yesterday in a special report to Parliament.

Citizens who pay $5 to make an Access to Information request are supposed to get an answer within 30 days, but many agencies average months.

She gave the Privy Council Office that serves the prime minister a D.

It took an average of more than five months to complete a request.

The Foreign Affairs Department's performance was so bad it received a "red alert."

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Stem cells in heart surgery breakthrough

HEALTH Researchers have used a patient's own stem cells to help repair his heart during open-heart bypass surgery.

Dr. Nicolas Noiseux of the University of Montreal said the man is the first in Canada to receive the treatment.

Doctors removed bone marrow from his hip, purified it to isolate the stem cells, then injected them directly into his heart.

Next on the agenda: A clinical trial of the treatment involving heart patients in Montreal and Toronto. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Jaffer sought cash: Insider

Alleges ex-MP submitted three green projects without lobbyist register

Ex-MP Rahim Jaffer and his business partner met the Conservative parliamentary secretary in charge of a billion-dollar green infrastructure fund and he says they submitted three projects for federal money without registering as lobbyists.

Brian Jean, parliamentary secretary to Transport Minister John Baird, said Jaffer and his business partner Patrick Glémaud — a Conservative candidate for Ottawa-Vanier in the 2008 federal election — came to his office in June 2009 for an "information-gathering" session about the $1 billion Green Infrastructure Fund.

The pair co-founded Green Power Generation Corp., an alternative energy technologies company with a website that boasts it has advised the federal government "on over $3 billion worth of renewable energy project funding."

"At the time I didn't know who they were there for," Jean said. "It was just a fact-inquiring mission for them."

Jean said they wanted to know how to apply for the funding and what would be eligible, but they later submitted three green project ideas involving kinetic energy, solar power and a biomass drying system. Jean said he rejected them.

Liberal MP Mark Holland says he will ask the Commissioner of Lobbying to determine whether the two men ran afoul of the Lobbying Act. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The Jaffer File

- CBC TV says prosecutors had to abandon drunk-driving and drug charges against ex-MP Rahim Jaffer because of actions taken by police, which included a strip search.
- Jaffer was charged with impaired driving, cocaine possession and dangerous driving, but pleaded guilty to careless driving. Legal experts said the strip search was highly unusual for a person with no criminal record. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Quebec Premier Jean Charest responds to opposition questions upon announcing a public inquiry into former justice minister Marc Bellemare's comments on an alleged traffic of influence.

Charest denies corruption claims

ALLEGATIONS Embattled Quebec Premier Jean Charest shot back yesterday at damning allegations his Liberal party accepted illegal donations and allowed donors to influence the appointment of judges.

A day after ex-justice minister Marc Bellemare unloaded the accusations on the government, Charest pledged to launch a public inquiry into how judges are selected in Quebec.

"I think it's important that we be able to address this issue of the integrity of the justice system in Quebec," Charest said. "I want to get to the bottom of this."

Charest once again denied Bellemare's claims and reiterated his plan to send his ex-minister a lawyer's letter demanding an apology and retraction for the accusations.

Bellemare said Monday he was pressured on three occasions to name a judge requested by influential donors during his tenure as justice minister. He says Charest was well aware this was going on.

The premier said his most pressing concerns are the allegations against the judicial system and the government, not his personal differences with Bellemare.

"It ain't about me," Charest said. "Yes, I will ask Mr. Bellemare to retract and I'll determine how we'll deal with that later, but that's not my priority."

Bellemare has yet to respond to Charest's legal threats. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Gov't space usage may be behind allegations, says Jaffer partner

POLITICAL SCANDAL Rahim Jaffer's use of a cluttered room across from the offices of his cabinet minister wife is likely behind government allegations against Helena Guergis, says Jaffer's business partner.

Patrick Glemaud said he stopped by to see his friend Jaffer a few times in late 2008 as the former MP sorted through boxes and papers in the small room in Parliament Hill's Confederation Building.

After his defeat in the October 2008 election, Jaffer was between homes and apparently used the office for temporary storage. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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New trial in death of native activist

Nova Scotia woman murdered in 1975

Trial is set to begin in South Dakota for the man accused of providing a gun used to kill an American Indian Movement activist who has become an icon for many of North America's native people.

Richard Marshall has pleaded not guilty to aiding and abetting the December 1975 shooting of fellow AIM activist Annie Mae Aquash, a Mi'kmaq from Nova Scotia who came to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in the early 1970s to join the movement's efforts.

Prosecutors say Marshall provided a .32-calibre revolver allegedly used by another former AIM member, John Graham, who is accused of shooting Aquash as she begged for her life.

Graham and fellow activist Arlo Looking Cloud were indicted in the case in 2003. Looking Cloud was sentenced to life in prison in 2004 for being an accomplice to Aquash's murder.

Graham has pleaded not guilty to kidnapping and murder and could go on trial this summer. Prosecutors have said that Marshall supplied the revolver when Graham, Looking Cloud and Theda Clarke stopped at Marshall's house the day Aquash was killed.

Witnesses testified at Looking Cloud's trial that AIM leaders ordered Aquash killed because they thought she was a government informant. Federal investigators have denied Aquash was a snitch.

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London **Drawn to a good cause**

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University of Western Ontario student Jeremy Jeresky started a drop-in art program at the Ark Aid Street Mission in London, Ont., a facility that helps homeless and low-income individuals.

Dodgy gas pumps to face fines

PENALTIES Gas stations with inaccurate pumps that overcharge consumers may soon face stiffer fines.

Industry Minister Tony Clement will announce a "Fairness at the Pump Act" later this week, The Canadian Press has learned.

The legislation will make retailers more accountable for the accuracy of their pumps and they'll be liable whether or not the errors were intentional, said a government source.

Precise details on the penalties were not yet available.

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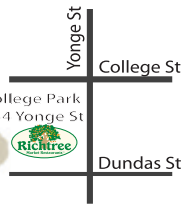

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Teen charged in racial prank

Police in New Jersey say a 14-year-old girl grabbed a supermarket microphone and announced, "All blacks leave the store." The case is nearly identical to two recent incidents at a New Jersey Walmart. The girl is charged with bias intimidation and harassment. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Groups condemn Cardinal's remarks

Gay rights groups around the world have condemned the Vatican's secretary of state, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, left, for claiming that the Catholic church's sexual abuse crisis was linked to homosexuality and pedophilia and not celibacy among priests. Bertone, who is considered Pope Benedict XVI's No. 2, sparked the controversy on a visit to Chile this week when he suggested gay sexuality was to blame for the church's child abuse scandals.

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'Cruel irony of history'

Nations stress a global effort needed for nuclear security

The 47 nations at U.S. President Barack Obama's Nuclear Security Summit agreed yesterday that all countries are responsible for safeguarding nuclear weapons and materials and keeping them out of terrorists' hands, citing a new reality in which terror concerns outweigh worries about attacks by nuclear powers.

A communique also directs the global community to work in concert against the sale or theft of nuclear materials, with nations cooperating more deeply with the United Nations and its watchdog arm, the International Atomic Energy Agency. The final document closes the two-day gathering that was called by Obama to focus world attention on the dangers of terrorists obtaining nuclear materials. Addressing the conference, Obama framed the problem as a "cruel irony of history" — nuclear dangers on the rise, even after the end of the Cold War and decades of fear stoked by a U.S.-Soviet arms race. A terrorist group in possession of plutonium no bigger than an apple could detonate a device capable of inflicting hundreds of thousands of casualties, he said.

"Terrorist networks such as al-Qaida have tried to acquire the material for a nuclear weapon, and if they ever succeeded, they would surely use it," he said.

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Obama confident

- U.S. President Barack Obama said he is confident China will join other nations in pressing for tough new sanctions against Iran for continuing to defy the international community in seeking nuclear weapons.

India **Holy water**

RAJESH KUMAR SINGH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Devotees bathe in the River Ganges, holy to Hindus, during the Kumbh Mela yesterday in Haridwar, India. Hindus bathe in the river with the belief that it will cleanse them of their sins and free them from the cycle of life and rebirth.

Bird flu sickens two in Vietnam

H5N1 Two Vietnamese people from a poor, mountainous area have been infected with bird flu, and 11 others were quarantined with flu-like symptoms, health officials said yesterday. A 22-year-old man and a 27-month-old girl remain hospitalized after testing positive for the H5N1 virus, said Hoang Van Linh, deputy director of Bac Kan province's health department. He said the 11 others, some of whom were relatives of the confirmed cases, had fallen ill with fever, coughing and shortness of breath.

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School attack leaves child dead

CHINA A mentally ill man went on a rampage with a meat cleaver near an elementary school, hacking to death a second-grader and an elderly woman, officials said yesterday. Five others were wounded in the second random attack on schoolchildren in China in three weeks. Yang Jiaqin, 40, chased his victims through Xizhen village in Guangxi region not long after classes ended Monday. He first attacked the boy, who later died from his injuries, just 400 metres from the school gate.

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Dozen killed in militant attack

PHILIPPINES Muslim militants disguised as policemen and soldiers detonated bombs and opened fire yesterday in a series of co-ordinated attacks in a southern Philippine city, triggering clashes that killed at least 12 people.

About 25 Abu Sayyaf militants were involved in the attacks in Isabela city on the island province of Basilan, one of the most daring operations by the al-Qaida-linked group in recent months, regional military commander Lt. Gen. Benjamin Dolorfino said.

The dead included three marines and three militants, including an Abu Sayyaf commander identified as Bensar Indama, who wore a police uniform.

A policeman and five civilians were also killed, including one who died in a hospital in nearby Zamboanga city after being airlifted from Basilan, Dolorfino said.

Nine people were wounded by the blasts and gunfire, including two militants who were captured, he said.

Isabela is one of two Christian regions on predominantly Muslim Basilan, the birthplace of the Abu Sayyaf, which has long been blacklisted by the U.S. as a terrorist organization because of its involvement in bombings and other acts of banditry. U.S. counterterrorism troops based in a military camp in Isabela, about 880 kilometres south of Manila, provided intelligence to help troops pursue the Abu Sayyaf gunmen, Rear Adm. Alex Pama said.

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A driving instructor in France taught three of his students a lesson about the consequences of speeding, when police clocked him at 134 km/h. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Poland in mourning

Country pays respects to presidential couple

Thousands of grieving mourners tossed flowers at a slow-moving hearse or joined an enormous viewing line at the presidential palace to pay their respects yesterday to Polish president Lech Kaczynski and his wife as their bodies lay in state.

Kaczynski and his wife Maria Kaczynska were among 96 people killed Saturday in a plane crash in western Russia. Investigators are pointing to human error as the cause.

Mourners knelt, prayed and cried before the first couple's closed coffins in the Columned Hall of the palace, where the president appointed and dismissed governments. The line to get in swelled to over one kilometre long but the mourners were not deterred.

"We want to pay homage to them because they were wonderful people."
Alicja Marszalek, retired telephone operator

"We will wait as long as it takes," said Alicja Marszalek, a retired telephone operator waiting with a friend. "We want to pay homage to them because they were wonderful people. He was a modest man, very well educated, intelligent and kind."

Polish television broadcast live images of mourners walking by the coffins.

Stanislaw Kracik, the governor of Krakow province, said the presidential couple will receive a funeral Sunday in the 1,000-year-old cathedral — the main burial site of Polish monarchs since the 14th century.

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First lady **Surprise visit**

BRENNAN LINSLEY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

First lady Michelle Obama gestures as she meets children in Port-au-Prince yesterday. She made a surprise visit to the devastated Haitian capital, joining a long list of political figures and celebrities who have toured the country and affirmed international support for reconstruction.

Israeli couple 'finds' $20 million lottery ticket

LOTTERY A couple who won Israel's biggest-ever lottery prize came forward to claim the $20 million payout yesterday, saying they had no idea they had been holding the lucky ticket for nearly four months.

The couple appeared at a news conference wearing masks to protect their identities, and told reporters the winning ticket had been languishing near the bottom of a pile of papers and old lottery forms at their home.

They noticed the ticket this week and double checked the numbers, discovering it was a winner.

"This win is thanks to my wife who pushed me to go check the tickets because otherwise I wouldn't have found it," the man said.

After determining they had a winning ticket, the couple made a late-night visit to a store shortly before closing to see how large the prize would be.

The husband said a silence fell over the room as they began counting the number of zeros in the winning payout with the clerk.

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Thai protesters vow more street rallies

PROTEST Anti-government protesters threatened yesterday to unleash another street "offensive" aimed at deposing the prime minister and described an unexpected ruling that his party be disbanded as just a ploy to buy time in Thailand's political crisis.

On Monday, the Election Commission ordered the dissolution of the Democrat Party for allegedly concealing campaign donations, while the powerful army chief called for new elections.

The moves were initially expected to blunt demonstrations by thousands of red-shirted protesters whose monthlong campaign exploded into brutal clashes with security forces Saturday, killing 21 people in the country's worst political violence in nearly two decades.

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Instability

- Thailand has seen three governments in the four years since the 2006 coup of former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra.

News in brief

ENVIRONMENT A Chinese coal carrier rocked back and forth over a section of Australia's Great Barrier Reef after running aground, inflicting a gash three kilometres long into a shoal that will take 20 years to heal. A leading marine scientist called it the worst damage he's ever seen to the world's largest coral reef. The ship was successfully lifted off the reef Monday after leaking three tonnes of fuel.

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A Hill of a spectacle

TheWestView

Is it time to move on yet? The pundits have sifted through the mountain of ashes, all that remains of the parliamentary careers of Helena Guergis and her partner in hubris, Rahim Jaffer.

It's a grim spectacle, not suitable for children and voters with weak stomachs. Definitely time to move on.

To the sequel: The Helena and Rahim Reality Show. If this were America, they would have already signed with Fox or A&E.

All the elements for terrific TV are in place. If I were spinning the concept, I'd move the charming couple to Charlottetown, P.E.I., where they open a laundry and try to explain to Rick Mercer how they managed to scorch all his shirt collars. After Helena seriously pissed off the good people of the island by calling it a hellhole, they need an armed escort to get to and from work. Fortunately, they are able to hire Helena's ex-Parliamentary chauffer, who says he already has lots of experience driving Rahim around when Helena is stuck at work.

The main plot driver, though, is the weekly attempt by Rahim to get anyone from the government to answer his calls from a pay phone near the laundry. (No more taxpayer-funded BlackBerry). Of course, no one ever answers, which puts his lobbying business in jeopardy.

Helena Guergis

It's better than Corner Gas because it's "real." Just like Gene Simmons. Or Sarah Palin. Each week, Helena could take viewers to a P.E.I. tourist attraction: Cavendish Beach, the Anne of Green Gables Museum, Cavendish Beach, the Anne of Green Gables Museum … she would look kinda fetching in those red pigtails.

Although there have been a number of well-meaning attempts to characterize the Jaffer/Guergis fall from grace as a tragedy, it's more Dog the Bounty Hunter than Antony and Cleopatra. Unlike other great Canadian power failures like Belinda Stronach and Peter MacKay, or even Pierre and Margaret, Helena and Rahim didn't have very far to fall. Rahim, notorious for allowing his assistant to impersonate him on a talk show, was already halfway down.

And Helena, despite the promise shown by her triumphant victory in the 1992 Miss Huronia beauty pageant, has no subsequent track record to speak of — which didn't prevent the prime minister from trying to exploit her photogenic attributes by positioning her as his backdrop during question period.

But in the 21st century, notoriety is just another word for celebrity, and celebrities, no matter how Lilliputian, have the real power. Just ask Harper, who's having a tough time getting Helena Guergis off the screen now that's she's in the spotlight.

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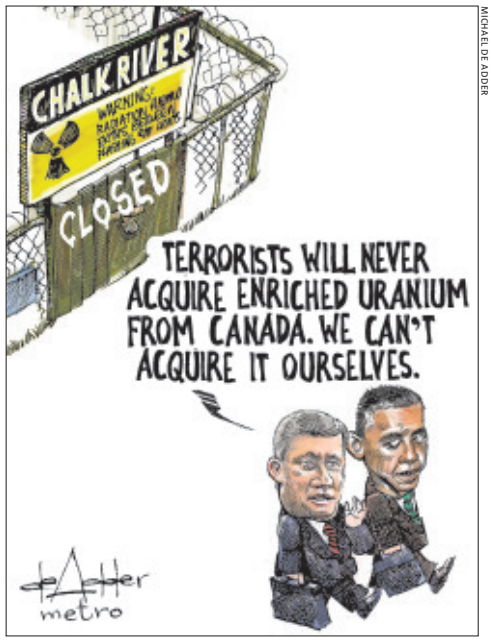

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Worth mentioning

The day the music died in Somalian capital

Rock, rap and love songs once filled the airwaves in Somalia's war-torn capital, one of the few pleasures residents had. But Islamist militants ordered music off the air yesterday, labelling it un-Islamic in a hardline edict reminiscent of the Taliban.

Stations immediately complied, fearful that disc jockeys would face the harsh punishment militants mete out here: Amputations and stonings. The edict is the latest unpopular order from the Islamists, who also have banned bras, musical ringtones and movies.

More than a dozen radio stations complied with the order by the militant group Hizbul Islam, the National Union of Somali Journalists said. "Journalists working in these stations have in the past witnessed broad daylight assassination of their colleagues and have now been signalled that they would follow the same fate if they do not obey these oppressive orders," said the union's secretary-general, Omar Faruk Osman.

Somalia has a tradition of music and most residents greeted the ban with dismay. Rock, rap and love songs from the U.S., Europe and Africa could be heard on Somali stations before the ban.

"Now I think we are going to be forced to hear only the horrific sounds of the gunfire and the explosions," said Khadiya Omar, a 22-year-old Mogadishu resident who called music a "tranquilizer" to help him forget life's troubles.

Somalis in the country's capital can still listen to music on two stations: One the government controls and another that is funded by the United Nations.

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Social rules

• The order to stop the music echoes the Taliban's strict social rules imposed on Afghans beginning in the late 1990s. The Taliban banned music and movies and didn't allow women to leave their homes without an escort by a male family member.

Word on the street: Who do you think will win the Stanley Cup?

Alex Hill
Toronto
A: I think someone from the East … I'll say Washington. Ovechkin's gonna get one this year.

Curtis Bechard
Toronto
A: Pittsburgh … The team they had last year is mostly intact, including Sidney Crosby, who only seems to get better. And Marc-Andre Fleury is still in net.

Aya Mansour
Ottawa
A: Ottawa Senators. I think they're a good team. I give 'em a shot.

Brian Mestre
Musquodoboit Harbour, N.S.
A: Vancouver Canucks because Henrik Sedin's on a roll right now. They've got Burrows scoring goals, Samuelsson scoring goals. It's just a bit shaky on Luongo.

Amy Walker
Victoria
A: The Canucks because (Roberto) Luongo's going to get his act together. He's going to get off his Olympic hangover, and because of Henrik Sedin.

Patrick Huynh
Edmonton
A: San Jose because they are due for a long playoff run. Marleau, Thornton and Heatley all won a gold medal, so it's their time to shine.

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China rejects currency changes
Chinese President Hu Jintao rebuffed U.S. calls to re-value China's currency, telling U.S. President Barack Obama that any tinkering with the yuan will be done by Beijing in accord with domestic interests, Chinese officials said yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Twitter to add ads

ONLINE Twitter announced yesterday that it is introducing advertising, allowing companies to pay to have their messages show up first in searches on its site.

Twitter has grown quickly in popularity since it started in 2006, with celebrities such as Oprah Winfrey and Ashton Kutcher "tweeting" messages of 140 characters or less alongside everyday users.

Twitter has been making an undisclosed amount of money by providing Google Inc. and Microsoft Corp. with access to messages for their search engines.

Many people expected Twitter would eventually introduce advertising.

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Adult **Lusty Lady's last dance**

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Retired dancer and current employee Virginia (Candy Girl) Leroy laughs Monday as she shows off the iconic marquee of the Lusty Lady in Seattle. The nude peep show, near the Pike Place Market known for the naughty puns on its marquee, is closing. The adult business is also known for being female-owned and sharing profits with the dancers.

Foreign ownership a threat, says CRTC

Canada's federal regulator has come out strongly against foreign control of the country's telecom sector.

CRTC chairman Konrad von Finckenstein told a House of Commons committee yesterday that foreigners should be restricted to a maximum 49 per cent of controlling shares in any telecommunications firm.

"If you don't do this ... we will have a branch plant communications industry," he said.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission head was testifying on a proposal in last month's throne speech that would see the government "open Canada's doors further to venture capital and to foreign investment" in "satellite and telecommunications industries."

But von Finckenstein said it was not possible to allow foreign ownership rules to relax on the telecoms without opening up Canada's broadcasters — the culturally-sensitive content part of the sector — as well.

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Business in brief

HOUSING The New Housing Price Index rose 0.1 per cent in February following a 0.4 per cent increase in January. Statistics Canada reports prices rose in 14 of 21 metropolitan areas between January and February. Prices increased the most in Regina (up two per cent), followed by Winnipeg and London (both up 1.9).

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Small businesses give big banks thumbs down

Canada's largest banks are generally failing to serve the interests of small business, with CIBC the worst offender, a survey by the Confederation of Independent Business found. The survey assessed the banks on financing, fees and services. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Recovery could slip on expensive oil, IEA says

Recovery in the world's biggest economies could be jeopardized if crude oil prices stay more than $80 US per barrel, the International Energy Agency said.

The IEA, an arm of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, said concerns remain that global oil markets are "overheated," with crude around $85 per barrel.

"Ultimately, things might turn messy for producers if $80 to $100 (per barrel) is merely seen as the new $60 to $80 (per barrel), stunting economic recovery while prompting resurgent non-oil and non-OPEC supply investment," the Paris-based IEA said in its monthly oil market report.

Price subsidies that benefit consumers in non-OECD countries like China and India, and tighter credit than two years ago "could stall OECD economic recovery or render it more oil-less than we currently envisage," it said.

The IEA also reported that producing countries represented by OPEC posted the first "significant decline" in output in March in more than a year — falling 190,000 barrels per day to 29 million barrels per day. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Honda Green move

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A woman rides Honda Motor Co.'s new electric scooter EV-neo yesterday at Honda's research facility in a suburb of Tokyo. Honda plans to start leasing the scooters — the equivalent of a 50cc gasoline-powered bike — in December, and says its target market is companies that make deliveries, such as newspapers and pizza parlours.

Business in brief

INSURANCE Car insurance quote firm Kanetix says rates jumped by nearly 12 per cent in Ontario in the first three months of this year. By comparison, rates in Quebec fell by 4.6 per cent and rates in Alberta dropped 1.6 per cent. The quarterly review by online quote provider Kanetix says the numbers show rate increases that were approved last year are beginning to hit.

MEDIA Meeting with advertisers yesterday amid a ratings free-fall on its flagship network, CNN's leadership said it is staying the course in emphasizing its journalism. The Nielsen Co. says CNN's weekday, prime-time viewership was down 42 per cent the first three months of the year from 2009. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Walmart goes green on seafood

RETAIL Walmart Canada's seafood policy is going green as the retailing giant committed yesterday to sell only sustainably sourced frozen, wild and farmed fish by 2013.

All fish sold in the chain's 317 Canadian stores will be certified to minimum standards of the Marine Stewardship Council to ensure suppliers adhere to the best aquaculture practices.

Canned tuna will only be sourced from International Seafood Sustainability Foundation members.

The U.S.-based retailer's Canadian arm said it notified suppliers last month that it plans to phase out any companies that procure fish from unreported and unregulated sources.

Merchandise manager Sam Silvestro said offering sustainably harvested fish at affordable prices can help improve the industry. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Demand

- Demand for seafood has increased five-fold over the past 50 years, but 75 per cent of the world's fisheries are harvested at or beyond sustainable limits.

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NOTICE TO SECURITY INDUSTRY WORKERS

On April 15, 2010, a new regulation prescribing basic training and testing requirements for security guards and private investigators will come into force.

New Applicants

New applicants for a security guard or private investigator licence, who have not been licensed by April 15, 2010, will have to complete a basic training course and pass the prescribed test before their application can be considered.

Existing Licence Holders

Existing licensees do not need to take the basic training course if they pass the test before the renewal of their licence.

Those whose licences **expire between April 15 and July 15, 2010,** will not be required to pass the test until their 2011 renewal.

Those whose licences **expire on or after July 16, 2010,** will have to pass the test before the expiry of their current licences in order to renew them.

Training and Testing

Training will be available through licensed agencies, public universities and colleges, and private career colleges. Registered business entities may also train their own employees.

The test will be available after April 15 and individuals may write the test more than once if necessary. However, existing licensees must pass the test before their renewal date.

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Connolly says he's ready to play

Centre Tim Connolly feels ready to play, and he's not the only injured Buffalo Sabres top-line forward getting healthy for the start of the playoffs. Barring any setback, there's a chance the Sabres will have forward Jochen Hecht in the lineup tomorrow when they open their first-round series hosting the Boston Bruins. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Playoff Preview

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Western series

- **San Jose (1st) versus Colorado (8th)**

Beating the Sharks will be a tall task for Colorado, which seemed to fade late in the season, and San Jose usually gets through one round before disaster hits.

- **Chicago (2nd) versus Nashville (7th)**

This could be the gifted young Blackhawks' year, but it starts against a tough opponent with a hot goalie in Pekka Rinne. Chicago looks to have everything except proven goaltending, which makes it an intriguing matchup, although Antti Niemi got the job done adequately down the stretch.

- **Vancouver (3rd) versus Los Angeles (6th)**

Henrik Sedin was the story for the Canucks this year, taking the Art Ross Trophy with a team record 112 points even though his linemate and twin brother Daniel missed part of the season with an injury. Now he'll have to lead the attack again against an L.A. club that is in the playoffs for the first time since 2002.

- **Phoenix (4th) versus Detroit (5th)**

The Coyotes are up against a formidable opponent in Detroit, which coasted through most of the season and caught fire at the end. Star defenceman Niklas Lidstrom has looked his old self of late, as have veteran scorers Henrik Zetterberg and Pavel Datsyuk. And Jimmy Howard has provided solid goaltending for a team that has probably far too much depth and playoff experience for the surprising Coyotes.

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Torrey Mitchell of the San Jose Sharks is chased down by Detroit Red Wings Tomas Holmstrom and Kris Draper. The Sharks have been one of the NHL's best regular-season teams over the past five years but have not made it past the second round of the playoffs.

Sharks seek redemption

San Jose looks to shed label of playoff underachievers

From the moment they arrived in training camp to the final day of the regular season when they wrapped up the top seed in the Western Conference, one question has been hanging over the San Jose Sharks.

Will this be the year the Sharks can finally shed their label of playoff underachievers and taste some post-season success?

It's a question the Sharks have long grown tired of but one they know will keep coming until all the talent they have translates into a long post-season run.

"It's a new year. That's all I have to say," defenceman Dan Boyle said. "It's a new year, new players, new team. It's a new year, man. That's it. You have to turn the page at some point. We have to win some games so these questions can stop."

The Sharks get their chance to do that starting tonight, when they host the eighth-seeded Colorado Avalanche in the opener of their first-round series.

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San Jose has averaged about 109 points per season the past five years — second best in the NHL — but hasn't made it past the second round in that span.

Hanging over them all series will be last year's first-round flop against Anaheim, when the Sharks lost in six games despite having the best record in the NHL in the regular season.

"We're a different team," coach Todd McLellan said. "We keep talking about last year. We keep going back to last year. I've been asked that question a hundred times. This is a different team. Half the faces in there weren't involved in the playoffs last year with our club. The organization failed last year, the group of players who were here last year didn't succeed. This is a different group. We're moving forward. We're not talking about last year."

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San Jose's loss in six games to Anaheim last year marked just the third time since the current playoff format was adopted before the 1993-94 season that the team that won the Presidents' Trophy failed to get out of the first round.

McLellan's message was echoed throughout the locker-room by his players, who stressed that all the changes the team made in the off-season should provide a clean slate heading into this post-season.

The splashiest move was the trade for high-scoring forward Dany Heatley, who delivered with 39 goals and helped form one of the league's most dangerous lines with Joe Thornton and Patrick Marleau.

But the additions of Scott Nichol, Manny Malhotra and Jed Ortmeyer helped improve the team's grittiness and faceoff success. There was also a change of leadership with defenceman Rob Blake taking over the captain duties from Marleau.

Marleau responded to the demotion with a career-high 44 goals, while Blake will bring a new leadership voice in the locker room during this post-season run.

"The franchise itself hasn't done what it needed to do in the playoffs the past couple years," said Blake, who won the Stanley Cup with Colorado in 2001.

"This team, we don't know. We wanted to get in this position, we wanted to be in the playoffs and set that record straight. This is a new team, a new adventure for us coming into the playoffs this year."

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Eastern series

- **Washington (1st) versus Montreal (8th)**

The Capitals bring the most intimidating attack in hockey, but there are question marks. Do they have the goaltending to go far in Jose Theodore or Semyon Varlamov (or Michal Neuvirth)? And can they play the defensively tight team game that usually produces Cup winners?

- **New Jersey (2nd) versus Philadelphia (7th)**

Goaltending will be front and centre in this series because New Jersey has it in spades and Philadelphia does not. Martin Brodeur became the all-time leader in goaltending wins and shutouts this season and remains a force at 37, although it is hard to forget his Game 7 meltdown in the opening round last year against Carolina.

- **Buffalo (3rd) versus Boston (6th)**

The terrific play of young goalie Tuukka Rask lets Boston comes at least close to matching Buffalo's biggest strength, star goalie Ryan Miller. The Sabres look to have rediscovered the fast-paced two-way game that made them a league power early in the decade.

- **Pittsburgh (4th) versus Ottawa (5th)**

The teams split their season series 2-2, each winning home and away once each. All the games were decided by three or more goals. This series could be decided in goal, where Marc-Andre Fleury gives Pittsburgh the edge over Brian Elliot.

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Simulation predicts Cup for Hawks

The Chicago Blackhawks will win the Stanley Cup by defeating the Pittsburgh Penguins, according to a simulation by EA Sports. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Playoff Preview

Elliott's inexperience doesn't worry Sens

Matt Cullen was with Carolina when a then-inexperienced Cam Ward led the Hurricanes to the Stanley Cup, and sees no reason for the Senators to be concerned with going green in goal this spring.

Ottawa is relying on netminder Brian Elliott to backstop its chances for success when the Senators face the defending Stanley Cup champion Pittsburgh Penguins in the opening round of the playoffs.

Game 1 of the best-of-seven Eastern Conference quarter-final goes tonight at Mellon Arena (CBC, 7 p.m. ET).

Elliott may not have a minute of professional playoff experience to his credit, but the 25-year-old is unproven only to those outside of the Senators' dressing room.

"In that position especially, I think it's a little bit of an overrated thing," Cullen said yesterday before the Senators left for Pittsburgh.

Cullen, who won a Stanley Cup with the Hurricanes in 2006, was dealt to Ottawa two months ago.

"Goalies are goalies. Goalies are a different breed, right? If a goalie's playing well, he's playing well," he added. "Knowing Ells, he's a hard-working guy, really dedicated, I'm not worried about him."

Brian Elliott

Cullen was a key contributor in the Hurricanes' championship run four years ago, recording 18 points in 25 post-season games. But it was Ward who emerged from a backup role that season to eventually win the Conn Smythe Award as playoff MVP.

Similarly, Elliott unseated Pascal Leclaire for the No. 1 job in Ottawa this season. He now faces a tough task against 51-goal scorer Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin and the rest of the Penguins' potent offence.

Cullen said the Senators trust Elliott will be at his best.

"We have a lot of confidence in Ells, nothing but faith in him, and expect nothing but good play out of him," Cullen said.

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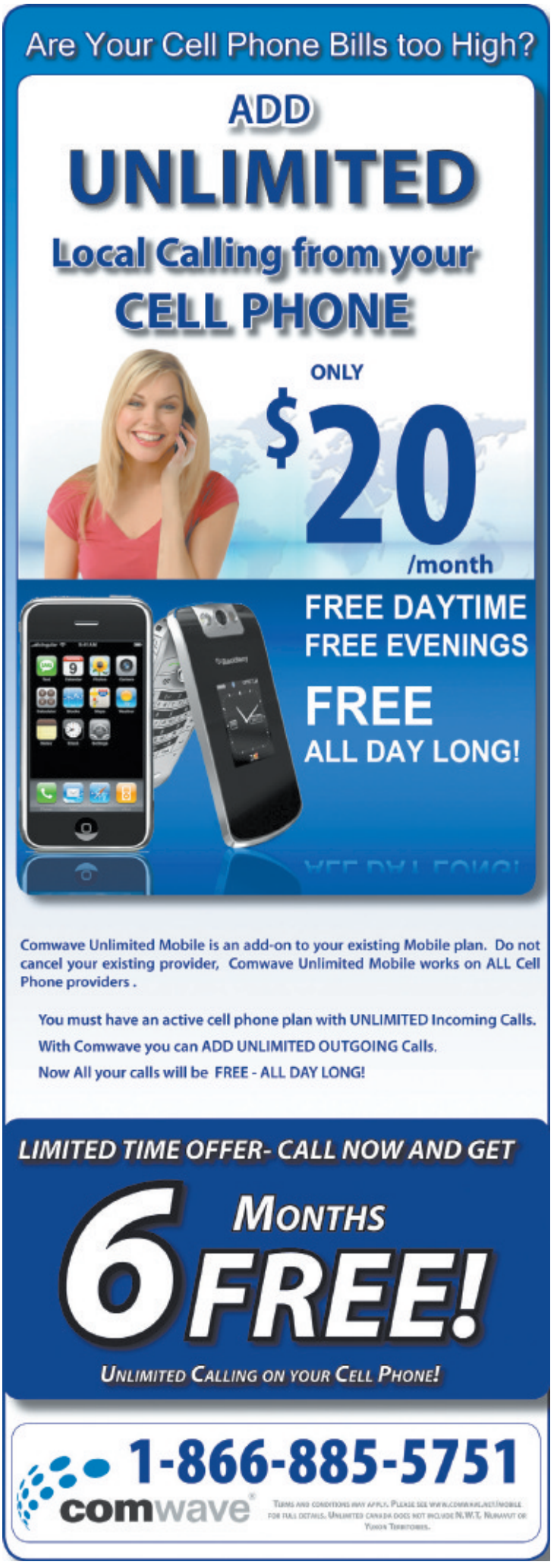

Tiger takes first step towards U.S. Open

Tiger Woods has taken the first step toward playing the U.S. Open by sending in his entry form. The USGA said it received Woods' entry Monday, one day after he tied for fourth in the Masters. It was his first competition since his life was turned upside down by a sex scandal during the winter. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Rings and things

The World Series championship flag has been raised for the first time at the new Yankee Stadium. Before yesterday's 7-5 win over the Angels, the Yankees received their World Series rings while the banner flapped in the breeze. Alex Rodriguez, left, got his first career ring, kissed the box it was in and raised it to the crowd. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Romero falls just short of no-hitter in Blue Jays win

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BASEBALL Toronto Blue Jays pitcher Ricky Romero gently tipped his cap to the crowd as he left the field, but slammed his fists into the dugout bench seconds later, furious over the no-hitter that had just slipped through his grasp.

The 25-year-old left-hander had dominated the Chicago White Sox into the eighth inning last night, flirting with only the second hitless outing in franchise history.

His bid ended on the bat of former Blue Jay Alex Rios, who crushed a pitch over the fence, but it did not cost him the game.

Toronto held on for a 4-2 win over Chicago, with reliever Kevin Gregg earning the save. Rios' home run was the only hit allowed by Romero, who finished with a career-high 12 strikeouts. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Done deal

- The Blue Jays believe Adeiny Hechavarria is the player who will eventually stop their revolving door at shortstop that's been spinning for nearly a decade. Any question about how strong their convictions are lie in the size of the contract they doled out to get the Cuban, a $10-million US, four-year deal confirmed yesterday that includes a $4-million signing bonus.

Oilers nab first overall pick

The Edmonton Oilers have gone from worst to first.

Two days after finishing the regular season with the league's worst record, the Oilers won yesterday's annual draft lottery to secure the top pick in the June draft. It marks the fourth time in five years the league's worst team has ended up with the top pick.

The Boston Bruins will draft second. Boston secured Toronto's first-round pick in an off-season trade that sent forward Phil Kessel to the Maple Leafs.

The rest of the draft order also remained the same. The Florida Panthers will select third, followed by the Columbus Blue Jackets and the New York Islanders.

Tampa Bay, Carolina, Atlanta, Minnesota and the New York Rangers round out the top 10, followed by Dallas, Anaheim, Phoenix and St. Louis.

The draft will be held June 25-26 at the Staples Center in Los Angeles.

Barring a trade, the Oilers will become the first Canadian team to select first since 1996, when the Ottawa Senators chose defenceman Chris Phillips. It will also mark the first time Edmonton has had the first overall pick. If the Oilers keep the selection, the franchise will likely choose between Taylor Hall, a standout forward with the OHL's Windsor Spitfires; and Tyler Seguin, a skilled centre with the OHL's Plymouth Whalers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly announces the top pick in the 2010 NHL Entry Draft to the Edmonton Oilers during the NHL Draft Lottery last night in Toronto.

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5. Christian Gagnon	NB, CA	982	402	615	1017
6. Dennis MacDougall	NS, CA	1009	407	604	1011
7. Cole Warren	NS, CA	1029	376	631	1007
7. Kyle Turk	NS, CA	1040	424	583	1007
9. Blaine Schlechter	AB, CA	1002	402	603	1005
10. Bernie Horton	ON, CA	968	415	585	1000
11. Myles Dennis	NS, CA	993	381	617	998
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Canada upset by Swiss in first game of U18 tourney

HOCKEY Guy Carbonneau is hoping to turn a disappointing loss to Switzerland into a motivational tool for his Canadian team at IIHF World U18 Championship.

Guy Carbonneau

The Canadians were upset 3-1 by the Swiss yesterday in their first preliminary round game of the annual hockey tournament.

"It's a bump in the road and hopefully we can find a way to get back," said Carbonneau, the Canadian head coach. "Sometimes that's what you need — a good ass-kicking to get you going."

In the other early game yesterday, Finland hammered Latvia 7-2. In the late games, Russia beat the Czech Republic 4-1 while Sweden edged the U.S. 4-2.

Gregor Hoffman and Samuel Guerra scored in the first period to give the Swiss a 2-0 lead.

"We knew they were going to work for 60 minutes," said Carbonneau. "That's the kind of team that they have."

Quinton Howden of Oakbank, Man., cut the lead to 2-1 midway through the second but Joel Vermin secured the victory with an empty-net goal with five seconds to go in the third. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Sports in brief

BIG BEN The NFL is weighing possible disciplinary action against Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, who met with league commissioner Roger Goodell one day after learning he won't be charged in the alleged sexual assault of a Georgia college student. Roethlisberger described the meeting yesterday as "very productive," but gave no hint whether he expects to be suspended or fined for several off-field incidents that damaged his reputation.

SOCCER Chelsea went four points ahead of Manchester United in the English Premier League title race with an unconvincing 1-0 victory over Bolton yesterday. It took Nicolas Anelka's 43rd-minute header against his former club to clinch a fourth straight league victory for Chelsea that keeps the FA Cup finalist on course for a double.

MMA UFC 115 in Vancouver sold out in 30 minutes in a pre-sale yesterday, two days before tickets for the GM Place mixed martial arts show were slated to go on sale to the general public. UFC president Dana White broke the news via Twitter.

NBA The Los Angeles Lakers will play exhibition games in London and Spain next season. They will open the pre-season Oct. 4 against Minnesota at London's O2 Arena. They'll play Regal FC Barcelona in Spain three days later. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Workology

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How (and how not) to speak

Finer points of public speaking are important in all walks of life, says expert

KEITH CARMAN
for Metro Canada

When it comes to public speaking, the best thing to do is own the topic, know your subject, and talk to — not at — your audience.

In socio-political terms, the first quarter of 2010 has proven crucial in learning what not to do.

Amusingly, most of those lessons have come from figures we've been urged to shape our lives after. Many felt unconvinced during golf pro Tiger Woods' public apology for scandalous behaviour. He appeared awkwardly indifferent while reading what was meant to be sincere atonement.

Similarly, Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin disgraced himself during the recent Olympics ordeal when American figure skater Evan Lysacek was forced to defend his gold medal win against an insulting, emotionally charged and impulsive attack.

Odd that individuals graced with the finer aspects of keeping up appearances should tarnish themselves so heavily. Yet as Peter Handal, CEO of performance-based workforce development organization Dale Carnegie Training reveals, even the most cultivated of us can slip, especially when speaking in public.

"It's very common for individuals not used to speaking in front of an audience to read and rely upon notes to quell nerves and eliminate awkward silences but it is essential for this to be kept at a minimum if the speaker wants to be perceived as sincere," he notes. "(Woods') speech itself was well-written and included all the hallmarks of a heartfelt, appropriate apology but its delivery before a contrived audience left something to be desired."

In that respect, Handal looks to Lysacek as the epitome of proper public speaking. He got his point across by not relying too heavily upon printed materials, being himself, including the audience in the conversation while keeping it brief, utilizing strong eye contact and injecting his speech with enthusiasm. He also stresses that the overall modus should be to own the topic; know the subject of the presentation well enough to feel comfortable discussing it.

Thankfully, such fundamentals apply to all aspects of public speaking be it in the classroom, lunchroom or boardroom and with any audience from one to one thousand. Furthermore, despite age, gender or background, intent remains constant: To speak with people as opposed to at them via sincerity, pacing, enthusiasm and securing their desire to feel important.

"If the audience feels they are trying to be convinced of something, they will immediately go on the defensive and be less receptive to what you have to say," Handal closes. "Talk in terms of (their) interests and use their names often. One Dale Carnegie Training principle states, 'to them, a person's name is the sweetest and most important sound in any language.' Using it often will keep them engaged."

Workology in **brief**

UCALGARY PRO-LIFE GROUP CITED FOR CAMPUS TRESPASSING AGAIN Last Thursday, the University of Calgary issued legal notices of trespass to 10 members of a campus pro-life group after they refused to comply with the school's request to turn their graphic poster display inward. This is the fourth time the group has been issued campus trespassing notices. In November, charges of trespassing against six group members were stayed after it was determined there was not enough evidence to proceed with the prosecution. In a statement, uCalgary says that it has advised members of the pro-life club that since they are not willing to compromise on their display, they are not welcome on campus for protests.

UOTTAWA PRESIDENT RESPONDS TO NEWSPAPER'S COVERAGE Tasked with looking for ways to reduce spending and increase revenue at the University of Ottawa, a steering committee comprising financial experts and university board of governor members observes that uOttawa "faces significant deficits, its much-vaunted new focus on research is not financially sustainable and its students are seriously dissatisfied with what the university offers," reported the Ottawa Citizen Sunday. In response what he calls an "erroneous portrait" in the Citizen story, uOttawa president Allan Rock writes that the institution remains "in a very strong financial position as a result of a history of fiscal prudence." METRO NEWS SERVICES

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$82 million for new UCN campus in Thompson
The Manitoba government announced yesterday an $82-million investment in the construction of a new 84,000-square-foot University College of the North campus in Thompson. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Humber celebrates teachers

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

Every year Humber honours high school teachers with its Greatest High School Teacher Contest.

When students succeed in post-secondary studies, it's often because of the high school teachers who motivated them.

That's the premise of Humber College's annual Greatest High School Teacher Contest, a competition where Humber encourages its students to nominate the high school teacher who inspired them and impacted their life the most.

Teachers Tim Rudan from Weston Collegiate Institute in Toronto and Sergio Costa from St. Edmund Campion Catholic Secondary School in Brampton won this year's contest and were honoured at a ceremony held at Humber in late March.

This year marks the fifth of the contest where students write 500-word essays nominating one of their high school teachers and entries are judged by an independent panel with finalists picked based on the depth of the story entries tell. The winning teacher gets not only notoriety but a meaningful prize as well: A scholarship good for one free year of tuition that teacher can bestow upon any one student from their home school already accepted to Humber for the Fall.

Peter Madott, associate dean of the Humber Business School, says the yearly prize is Humber's way of celebrating the efforts of high school teachers who embody the spirit of teaching Humber itself strives towards.

"This contest is all about identifying and celebrating great teaching and showcasing a commitment to teaching excellence. It's a manifestation of what we stand for, that we go to great lengths to identify, recognize and celebrate teaching excellence," Madott said.

Most winners tend to be experienced teachers who truly appreciate the honour.

"Great teaching takes practice so it's usually a teacher who's been in the school system for a number of years that gets nominated. The reaction from teachers is usually huge — they're usually quite moved," Madott said.

Humber paralegal student Kassandra Maharaj, 20, nominated Rudan because he believed in her abilities and motivated her to succeed despite all the challenges she faced in high school.

"This contest is all about identifying and celebrating great teaching."
Humber's Peter Madott

"If it wasn't for Mr. Rudan I wouldn't be in this program. He was a great mentor and great friend and I feel like he really prepared me for college. He was always there to guide me — he saw that spark in me," Maharaj said.

For veteran teacher Rudan, winning the contest is "humbling" but ultimately secondary to the satisfaction he gets from seeing a former student do well.

"It's the best compliment a teacher can ever receive to see a former student be successful. When they come back and tell you they love what they're doing, it's so rewarding," Rudan said.

Scholars and scientists awarded Killam Prizes

RESEARCH The winners of the Killam Prizes were named yesterday, with top researchers at universities in Ontario and British Columbia taking the honours. The prizes, worth $100,000 to each recipient, recognize career achievements in health sciences, engineering, the humanities, natural sciences and social sciences. The winners:

- Ellen Bialystok, a psychology professor at York University in Toronto.
- R. Mark Henkelman of the University of Toronto.
- Ming Li of the University of Waterloo.
- Arthur McDonald of Queen's University in Kingston, Ont.
- James Tully of the University of Victoria.

"(The prize's) purpose (is) to help build Canada's future through advanced study and research," George Cooper, managing trustee of the Killam Trusts, said in a statement.

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Don't miss the mark regarding your pension plan

You've just started a new job and, in addition to meeting your new coworkers and learning your role and responsibilities, you've also received forms and paperwork about the company pension plan or group retirement savings program. In the midst of the excitement, don't overlook these important programs as their benefits will be felt years later.

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Learning as much about your pension plan as possible will prove an asset down the road.

"For many people — particularly younger employees — the idea of a pension or retirement saving plan seems of little immediate importance," says Frank Swedlove, president of the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association. "But participating in a company-sponsored plan is one of the best ways to grow a retirement nest egg, without much of a financial sacrifice."

Joining your firm's pension or savings plan will help you save money regularly from your pay, supporting the adage, "pay yourself first." Also, because employers often contribute to the plan if you do, it's like getting free money towards your retirement.

In addition, pension contributions are sheltered from taxation, including any capital gains, interest or dividends received, until retirement when incomes typically drop and you are in a lower tax bracket.

Group plans are an excellent way to step into retirement saving or to complement individual saving and investing activities like RRSP. Group plans are managed by specialized experts with the specific goal of maximizing savings for the long term.

It's important to learn as much as you can about your company's pension plan, as each has its own rules. The more you are familiar with the details, the better you can make a company-sponsored pension plan work for you.

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Intention to quit must be very clear

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For courts to recognize a resignation, the employee must make it very clear he or she wants to leave.

Stan Carmichael and Ernie Jakubowski were friends with a common interest — both were Porsche aficionados. When Carmichael found himself without work, Jakubowski, the owner of Mantis Racing Inc., a high-end automotive shop involved in racing events throughout North America, saw the potential to grow his business.

Over beers and a handshake, the two friends agreed that Carmichael would become Mantis' new general manager. However, their relationship would soon sour.

Within a year, Carmichael's expenses and outstanding bonuses made him Mantis' second biggest account payable. Wanting to get paid and tired of getting the run-around, he threatened to quit. Jakubowski did not address the threat. Several months passed during which Carmichael and Jakubowski attended separate North American events. Upon their return, a brief meeting was held where Jakubowski offered to pay Carmichael an amount substantially less than what Carmichael claimed was owed to him. The threat of resignation was not discussed. That same day, Carmichael received an email advising him that he was being laid-off because Mantis could no longer afford him. He was asked to return his keys the next day.

Believing he was entitled to more, Carmichael recently sued Mantis claiming thousands for wrongful dismissal and outstanding expenses and bonuses. Interestingly, however, Mantis defended the claim by arguing that Carmichael resigned.

For a resignation to be effective there must be more than the mere threat to leave. Rather, the intention to resign must be unmistakable.

Here, Mantis failed to establish that Carmichael's intention to quit was clear. Jakubowski had not confirmed the resignation, let alone accepted it. Instead, months passed during which it was business as usual at Mantis.

Further, Carmichael's actions were not indicative of someone who intended to resign. He did not stop working, remove any of his personal belongings from the office or specify a departure date. Instead, when Jakubowski told Carmichael that he was being laid off and to return his keys, he effectively fired him.

Often, employees find themselves in the "twilight zone" somewhere between wanting to leave and having been fired. If you want to avoid being characterized as resigning, then follow these guidelines:

- Resist taking any steps that can be construed as voluntarily withdrawing from the workplace, as difficult as that may be.
- Immediately protest a characterization that there has been a resignation, if it wasn't the intended result.
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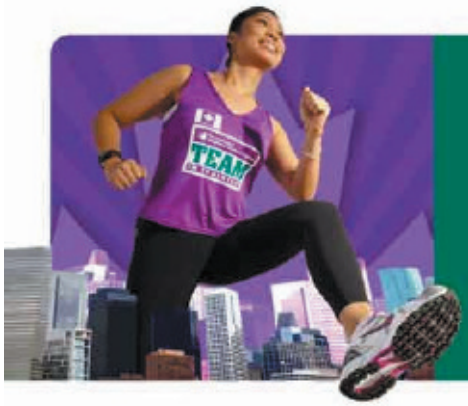
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Travel

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Coconut coast finally catching up

Punta Cana undergoing major modernization, while working to maintain its natural beauty

CÉLIA PEDROSO
Metro World News

The magnificent stretch of coast in Punta Cana is simply the dream beach come true: white soft sands, warm turquoise waters, coconut palm trees, one perfect beach after another for 50 kms.

No wonder it's a favourite of A-list celebrities like Beyoncé, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Michael Douglas and Julio Iglesias.

Its obvious natural beauty makes it all the more strange that tourism took so long to take off here.

But they are catching up with the rest of the Caribbean fast.

With new hotels and resorts opening up justice is finally being made to this precious piece of land, also known as the coconut coast for pretty obvious reasons.

But fear not — although resorts and hotels are here there is still space in abundance and your can always find your own beach solace.

As the captain of our snorkeling boat explained a coral reef means the waters are safe and calm.

But amazing snorkeling is only one the many activities hotels provide — scuba-diving, sailing, tennis, horse riding, cycling, golf, even Segway tours are all on offer.

Punta Cana catching up to Caribbean

Away from the hotels explore the Punta Cana Resort & Club and follow the trail that takes you into the fresh water lagoon (don't be afraid and take a swim) and visit the Ecological Reserve — an impressive tropical sanctuary of wildlife and plants.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Boating tours are available for low prices throughout most of Punta Cana.

And take a break from sunbathing by renting a car and visiting the neighboring Dominican villages. The locals are super friendly and you may end up having a merengue lesson.

Higuey and the colourful El Cortecito are a short distance from Punta Cana but the roads are not very good so take your time to drive.

There you'll really see the laid back Caribbean way of life and also get the chance to buy top quality cigars (Dominican Republican is the largest producer of cigars in the world), excellent coffee, art or rum. Take the local's advice on what to buy.

Make sure to leave the resort life and explore the real Punta Cana.

Inside and out

- Spanish is the official language in this side of the Hispaniola island (Haiti is in the other half) where Dominican Republic is, but English is spoken in the hotels and touristic areas.
- With warm tropical weather all year long, the country has a lot of sunshine hours. Don't forget a high grade sunblock and sunglasses!
- The beautiful Chavon River has been the set for such movies as Apocalypse Now and Jurassic Park. If you want to check it out there are day trips. Also the Altos de Chavon Regional Museum of Archaeology with artifacts from the Taino indians who once lived in the region.
- STAY: at Punta Cana Resort & Club and Tortuga Bay. You can choose between the casitas, small elegant houses very close to the beach, or the hotel. A spa and golf courses and the very exclusive Tortuga Bay. Designed by dominican Oscar de la Renta, these top luxury villas have a VIP service from the very close Punta Cana airport. (puntacana.com)
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From the Rouen Fine Arts Museum to the 5th century old churches, Normandy offers a destination for history buffs and art lovers alike.

Normandy's history a moving experience

Metro locates the best places to find a piece of your heritage across this European treasure

PAUL BALDWIN
Metro World News

Don't even think of leaving Normandy without trying the cider and the calvados.

Metro found the best places to eat, drink and be moved in Normandy.

SEE
The beaches

Not for sunbathing — though that's great in summer — but to see the places where the British, Americans and Canadians began to reclaim Europe from Hitler, at huge cost. Out of season these beaches dotted with gun emplacements are still incredibly moving.

HEAR
Evensong

From the fifth century, churches and abbeys have played a significant role in the culture of Normandy. Visit Abbaye Notre-Dame du Bec in Le Bec Hellouin, where the monks conduct guided tours of this amazing architectural gem.

Monks conduct daily tours of Abbaye Notre-Dame — an architectural wonder.

EAT
Neufchâtel cheese

Not only are they beautiful but Normandy's beaches hold historical significance for Canadians.

Looking like a heart-shaped Camembert this classic cheese has been produced in Normandy since the sixth century. Slightly less full-on rustic than camembert it needs nothing but a fresh baguette for simple culinary heaven.

DRINK
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DO SAY
Anything in French

Although English is spoken by many most Normandy people will appreciate you making the effort.

DON'T
Miss the impressionists

Rouen Fine Arts Museum is hosting Normandie Impressionniste from June to September this year. $1 billion worth of masterpieces from Monet, Pissarro, Gauguin and others will be on display highlighting Rouen's importance to the impressionist movement. Even déjeuner sur l'herbe picnics are promised.

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Carslbad caverns offering free tours
Carlsbad Caverns National Park is offering free admission from April 17-25 to celebrate National Park Week. Fees will still be charged for guided tours. The park in southeastern New Mexico also will offer special programs, such as rope climbing demonstrations. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Face off against the frothing surf

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"The only other place that's like that is the Zambezi (River), but the problem with the Zambezi is when you're not paddling, there's nothing to do — you're in the middle of Africa," said Corran Addison, a former Olympic and world champion kayaker who now runs a surf school in Montreal.

"It's not a scary wave but it's a very fast, very big, very powerful wave, without having the beat down — you don't get pounded when you make a mistake," said Addison, who also says the fast-moving water on the rapids is safe enough to drink.

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Prices

- Whitewater rafting expedition costs: $41/adult, $35/teenager, $24/child, $113/family;
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Schwimmer's Chicago

Chicagophile and former Friends star offers his Windy City tips

PAUL BALDWIN
Metro World News

"There's so much that's special to me about this city, but most of all, its people. The friendliness, the welcome for everyone. Just grab some local food, listen to some local music, and suddenly ... you're a local," says David Schwimmer, the former Friends star.

"I have a home here, I do theater here, and I got my start in show biz here."

He is now such a Chicagophile that one of the city's premier attractions, the John Hancock Observatory named him its celebrity guide. Here's what he thought of some of the city's attractions:

METRO WORLD NEWS

Chicago has never put factories on its waterfront making for a clean, fresh swim.

LAKE MICHIGAN

Even though it's only the second largest of the Great Lakes, it's still bigger than the states of Vermont and New Hampshire put together. Unlike other big American cities, Chicago never put factories on its waterfront.

THE WINDY CITY

It has nothing to do with the wind. Chicago got that nickname during the time of the huge world's fair. East Coast journalists wrote that those Chicagoans came from "the windy city" because they talked so much.

MILLENNIUM PARK

It's full of amazing outdoor sculptures. One of them has only been here since 2004, but it's already become the symbol of Chicago. The title is Cloud Gate but everybody calls it the silver bean. It's only steps away from the main art museum, the Art Institute of Chicago. Huge. Wonderful collections.

CUBS VS. WHITE SOX

No visit to Chicago is complete without hearing about baseball — And arguing about it. Chicagoans are deeply divided between Cubs fans, and fans of the other local baseball team, The Chicago White Sox.

CHICAGO DEEP DISH

This is the original kind, Invented by restauranteur Ike Sewell in 1943. He wanted to make pizza something that you'd eat with a knife and fork … at a proper table.

LAKE SHORE DRIVE

Driving along gives dazzling views of the water, and buildings. The fanciest address in town is "Any Number Lake Shore Drive."

IF YOU GO

Hear David Schwimmer's Chicago tips at the John Hancock Observatory.

Resort vacations

WHERE TO STAY

The best place to stay is the Essex Inn.

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The Windy City didn't get its name from where you think.

Cruises

David Schwimmer is a guest guide at Chicago's John Hancock Observatory.

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Riding into history

Berlin Wall quickly becoming cyclist destination

EUGENE HENDERSON
Metro World News

In the 20th century there were few more offensive symbols of man's seemingly unquenchable need to spread hatred, division, and suspicion than the Berlin Wall.

Stark, grey, brutal — the wall was a concrete embodiment of the most stupid example of a siege mentality in history.

Which makes it all the more marvellous that it has been replaced by that most friendly of man-made constructs — the cycle path.

And what a cycle path.

The Mauerweg traces the 160km foundations of the wall and takes the cyclist on a journey through thriving city, uplifting countryside and through history itself.

Serious cyclists complete the Mauerweg in a day — but that is to miss its point.

Starting at Potsdamer Platz, with its cutting edge skyscraping architecure the blue-print of a modern Euro-city, you follow the grey Mauerweg signs away from the hubbub.

The trail is divided into 14 sections between seven and 21km long, and each on has its own feel and story.

Yes, you will pass the former Gestapo Headquarters, or Bernauer Strasse, where an impotent wedge of wall still stands, the spot where protester Michael Gartenschlaeger was carved up by 120 Stasi bullets, the Glienicker Brücke, where Cold War spies were exchanged, and Lake Wannsee where Third Reich henchmen would party while planning the Final Solution.

The sense of history will stop you in your tracks.

But so will the sense of the future, because here, in the ruins of the Wall 21st century Berliners are now enjoying the simple pleasure of the city's greenbelt. They walk dogs, they picnic, they rollerskate and the sheer normality of it all somehow adds to its beauty.

And onwards through Schöneweide to Schönefeld to Lichterfelde to Griebnitzsee and on to Staaken, Hennigsdorf, Nordbahnhof, each day will reward you with more than just a great cycle ride though some lovely countryside — you'll get a sense of being part of much bigger and more significant. And not many bike rides can offer that.

Jet Ski rentals

The Berlin Wall memorial.

Hotel vacations

Riding along the Berlin Wall you get a deeper sense of history.

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Flights

Car rentals

Berlin prices

- For flights, prices, times and bookings see ridetheberlinwall.com
- Visit tripadvisor.com for an up to date list of non-cycling activities.

Germany turns from bratwurst to the doner

A traditional doner sandwich.

FOOD Forget about bratwurst, currywurst and other kinds of sausages — doner kebab, or shawarma, has overtaken traditional German fast food as the country's favourite snack on the go.

First brought to Berlin by Turkish immigrants in the 1970s, the grilled meat snack that comes wrapped in a pita bread with shredded lettuce, tomatoes, onions and different dressings, is now being sold everywhere in Germany from the Baltic Sea to the Bavarian Alps.

Students and late night revellers relish it as much as construction workers, children and foreign backpackers on a tight budget.

"We assume that doner kebab is the Germans' favourite fast food by now," said Yunus Ulusoy, an expert from the Center for the Study of Turkey in Essen, who has done extensive research on how the ethnic specialty conquered Germany's culinary mainstream.

The secret behind the doner's success story is not only its satisfying grilled taste, Ulusoy said, but also the big portions and its affordability — a regular doner in a pita costs only between $3.30 to $6.70.

Some 15,500 doner places in Germany sell about 400 tonnes of doner meat every day, according to ATDID, the Association of Turkish Doner Producers in Europe. About 60,000 workers produce, cut and process the hearty delicacy with annual sales of 2.5 billion euros.

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Outsiders allowed to climb Indian Himalayans

Foreigners will be allowed to climb nearly 100 high-altitude Himalayan peaks for the first time on the Indian side of Kashmir, an official said last week. The move by the Indian government follows a significant decline in violence in the region. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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No yellow brick road needed

Chinese tourist destination offers a refuge for little people

RICHARD MORIARTY
Metro World News

The long and the short of it is simple — this is the world's only Dwarf Empire and if you're over 1.5 meters you're not coming in.

But this land of little people in Kunming, in the Chinese province of Yunnan, where little people live in a sanctuary entirely separate from the average sized world has become an unlikely tourist attraction.

Everyone at the settlement have their accommodation, healthcare and food taken care of in return for performing musicals and shows for normal-sized visitors.

Their community set on the Xishan mountain, in which they will allow you into their mushroom-roofed houses to make you cups of coffee and smoke shisha, is a trek up a windy, vertiginous road, but at the top the little people provide a giant welcome.

You can take in one of the spellbinding musicals in their ramshackle amphitheatre, where performances include ballet, Shoalin martial arts, breakdancing, traditional folk Chinese songs and a version of U.S. pop act the Pussycat Dolls.

The performances aren't always note perfect, but the tiny showmen are hard to take your eyes off.

On arrival you will be greeted by around 100 people in fancy dress —belly dancers, Roman centurions, folk dancers, and dwarf men in top hats rush out to meet you through the mountain fog.

The community was set up by average sized businessman Cheng Mingjing, a former electronics salesman who spent millions on building a butterfly park as well as the settlement.

The settlement is a haven for dwarves who have been abused in the wider world.

It even has its own parliament who settle domestic disputes and promote the regular activities outside the park, and their own national anthem which is sung before each performance.

No little person — regardless of musical talent — is turned away from the park, if they do not perform they are given maintenance catering, public relations or security roles.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Kunming is home to the only little person community on Earth.

Getting there

- Entry to the park costs $10.
- Bus rides to the dwarf empire (hosted on the same site as the butterfly park) can be caught from the town centre.

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The land of ice and fire

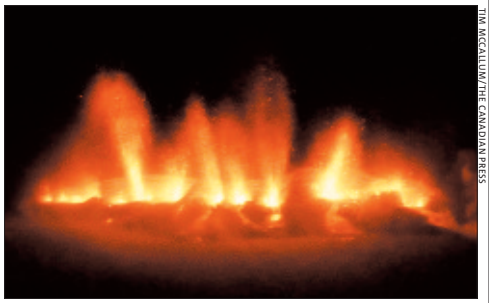
Tourists flock to Iceland to see volcanic eruption

Iceland's latest volcanic eruption is likely coming to an end, scientists said Monday — and the unexpected tourist boom that lifted this recession-weary country's financial gloom may be up in smoke as well.

It says something about a country's fortunes when an erupting volcano is greeted as good news. But Iceland has had a rocky time since its banks collapsed 18 months ago, capsizing the economy and sending unemployment soaring.

Then, last month, the Eyjafjallajokull volcano began erupting after almost 200 years of silence, threatening floods and earthquakes but drawing thousands of adventurous tourists — and their desperately needed cash — to the site where ash and red-hot lava spewed from a crater between two glaciers.

All good things must come to an end, however, and scientists said Monday that the eruption is likely winding down.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An aerial view of Iceland's latest volcanic eruption.

Safety

- Iceland's Civil Protection Department says rescue teams have had to help up to 50 people a day down from the site.

Thousands of people have made the trip to the volcano, 120 kilometres east of Reykjavik, since the eruption began March 20 - and Icelandic tour companies have made a small fortune taking them there, by bus, snowmobile, souped-up "superjeep" and even helicopter.

The volcano made it a must-visit destination for thrill-seekers from around the world, despite the expense, which ranges from $75 for a bus trip to view the volcano from a distance to $270 for a super-jeep ride almost to the rim of the crater.

"We have people who are staying at backpackers' hostels taking the tour," said Torfi Ynvgason from tour operator Arctic Adventures.

"To drive over a glacier, in Iceland, in winter, to lava falls — if you have it in your bank account, you're going."

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Charging for masses

China is building an electric station capable of charging 45 cars at a time as part of a program to promote the development of alternative vehicles. It is being build in Linyi City in east China's Shandong Province. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Metro Drive

That's a steel

A new line of automotive-themed handbags from designer Janet Louise is now available in Canada. The bags incorporate automotive steel and are inspired by the diesel performance shop run by Louise's husband. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Mustang powers up

Though most of the new-for-2011 action happens under Mustang's hood, revisions reach far beyond simple powertrain upgrades.

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
for Metro Canada

2011 Ford Mustang

Type: Sports car
Price: Not available
Engine: 3.7L V6/4.6L V8
HP: 305/412

Highlights

- Impressive power from V6 engine
- New technologies and upgrades inside and outside

Ford's engineers have been working overtime on the 2011 Mustang's powertrain and chassis — and their efforts have now catapulted the American bestseller into a whole new world of performance.

For the first time ever, that world of performance starts with the V6-powered model. The aging four-litre powerplant has been given the boot in place of a lighter and considerably more powerful 3.7 litre unit.

With a four-cam, four-valve architecture and a busload of engineering tweaks, the Mustang's new entry-engine generates 305 horsepower of the free-breathing, high-revving variety.

Despite the generous performance, Ford's engineers gush proudly that the new mill is the first V6 to generate 305 horsepower while turning in 35 mpg. That's about 6.7L / 100km for us Canadians. Regular fuel, too.

A slick new system called Twin Independent Variable Cam Timing (Ti-VCT) is responsible for the remarkable combination of thrust and thrift. By continually altering cam timing and engine breathing, power is dosed out on an as-requested basis. The new V6 musters enough sauce to keep pace with the outgoing 4.6-litre V8, though efficiency is maximized when drivers are gentle.

Super-clean emissions and highway mileage under 8L / 100km are assured. In fact, Ford's new four-cam five-litre is about as responsible as a rip-snorting 412-horsepower, 7,000 rpm V8 engine gets.

Snorting? Oh yeah.

Ford engineers realize that a big part of the Mustang's driving experience is its sound, and their efforts to make that sound fantastic won't disappoint.

The V6 is no slouch either. Towards the top of the tachometer, it makes a reedy, dry and semi-exotic howl that calls cars like the Nissan 350Z and recently-resurrected Camaro RS to mind.

Though most of the new-for-2011 action happens under Mustang's hood, revisions reach far beyond simple powertrain upgrades. Barely an inch of the car, which was redesigned just a year ago, has been left unchanged. New technologies and materials are applied to the interior, the body has been upgraded discreetly for aerodynamics, and the suspension benefits from numerous advancements for sharper, tauter handling.

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A little sun on the ice trail

A solar-powered car, campaigned by an international team based in Toronto, has successfully tackled the longest ice road in the world. Marcelo da Luz and his Power of One (XOF1) solar car travelled 187 km from Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk in the Northwest Territories last weekend. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Customers have a right to expect a high level of professional car care service. But at the same time, those in the car care profession have a right to expect a basic level of civility, Michael Goetz writes.

A little respect for mechanics

AutoPilot

Michael Goetz

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When you take your car to a mechanic does it usually end in tears?

What is it about the nature of getting cars fixed that seems to generate acrimony?

There is one obvious reason: How would you rather spend $2,300? On a leaking and overheated transmission, or on a family trip to Disney? Okay, some of you might opt for the transmission, but you get my point.

Other reasons for dysfunctional customer-mechanic relationships usually centre on mistrust and competency.

You, or your uncle, once got charged $437 for a replacement foogleboomer, and it never fixed anything, because that car never ever had a foogleboomer.

But today we're going examine a less-discussed irritant in the relationship — the customer.

I once worked for a spell behind the service counter at a busy GM dealership. My colleagues and I dealt with a lot of upset customers, because, well, this was the early 1980s, when GM was transitioning from big cars to smaller, front-drive cars, and this didn't always go well.

Some customers commiserated with our mutual plight, and were patient and polite.

Others were scary. The language! Our young cashier found it particularly hard to take; at least once a week she would have to retire to the bathroom for a good cry.

Here is a partial list of other questionable customer behaviour we experienced:

- Demanding warranty coverage, even though the vehicle was years out of warranty and used regularly to tow circus animals;
- Accusing us of a "make work" project if we even suggested something like replacing a 21-year drive belt;
- Giving us a total of 17 minutes to diagnose and repair a complicated, intermittent drivetrain malfunction;
- Letting their unsupervised children make forts out of empty oil barrels. Leaving us to empty the trunk of dead cats (or what looked like dead cats) before we could get in there to change a turn signal bulb.

"Having a car 'ready for service' is a show of respect to the kind of mechanic you want to have a relationship with over a long period time."

I've sat in on lots of training seminars for mechanics and service advisors, and many had lots to say about difficult customers … How to manage their sky-high expectations … How to prevent them from damaging the morale of hard working, talented, and honest workers … How to get them interacting more effectively with service staff.

On the latter point, one trainer advised to tell customers to show up for service appointments with a vehicle that was "ready for service," which basically meant: clean inside and out; nothing in the trunk and cargo area; gas in the tank.

Having a car "ready for service" is a show of respect to the kind of mechanic you want to have a relationship with over a long period time.

Customers have a right to expect a high level of professional car care service. But at the same time, those in the car care profession have a right to expect a basic level of civility, and a modicum of understanding when complicated and cranky vehicles make life difficult for the technicians. Because who wants more crying?

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for over 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

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MODEL: 2005 to 2009 Chevrolet Equinox
VEHICLE TYPE: SUV
APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE: $8,000 to $16,000

HISTORY/DESCRIPTION: In 2005, Chevrolet launched the Equinox SUV into what would quickly become a crowded marketplace full of capable, all-season family haulers. It replaced the long-lived Blazer with a more comfortable, efficient and car-like machine.

Those shopping for a used Equinox will find LS and LT trim levels, representing the basic and more fully-loaded models, respectively. Higher-end models got fog-lamps, alloy wheels, a power driver's seat, tinted glass and more. Air conditioning was standard on all models, and ABS brakes, traction control and All Wheel Drive (AWD) could be optionally specified.

All models also got V6 power, flexible seating and relatively generous interior proportions.

Second Gear

WHAT OWNERS LIKE: According to Equinox drivers, AWD models deliver admirable performance and traction in the snow. The Equinox's audio system, interior versatility and ride comfort are also highly rated by owners.

WHAT OWNERS HATE: Common complaints centre around the Equinox's large turning circle, some cheap interior trim and a noisy engine. Some drivers also complain of higher-than-expected fuel consumption, thanks in part to the lack of an available four-cylinder engine.

COMMON ISSUES: Nearly every Equinox in the used market had GM's 3.4 litre, 185-horsepower V6 under the hood. In past applications, this so-called "3400"engine was known for a nasty gasket and coolant problem.

Put simply, an overly corrosive engine coolant could dissolve engine gaskets and cause a slew of expensive problems that could lead to engine failure. This problem seems to have been remedied by time the 3400 engine made its way under the Equinox's hood, though shoppers are advised to remain cautious and have any used candidate inspected for this issue by a certified GM mechanic.

Shoppers wishing to play it safe can also opt for a 2007 or later Equinox with some portion of the 160,000 kilometre powertrain warranty remaining, or a 2008 or later model with the optional 3.6 litre V6.

On a test drive, kill the stereo and be sure to drive slowly in a tight circle, over some potholes, and through a parking lot with speedbumps. In each of the above situations, note any clunking, popping, grinding or clicking noises that could be a sign of trouble.

Clicking or rubbing apparent from the rear of the vehicle could indicate a differential problem, too.

Those test-driving an AWD model are encouraged to check for unwelcomed noises when the system engages to power the rear wheels. This happens automatically when wheelspin is detected, so drivers will need to stab the throttle on some sand or ice where appropriate to get the tires slipping. Groaning or grinding noises in the process may indicate a potentially expensive problem.

THE VERDICT: Used Equinox shoppers will likely find the model comfortable, attractively priced, and roomy — especially compared to some of the smaller, pricier competition from Japan.

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Timberlake to promo Audi A1

Singer-turned-actor Justin Timberlake will be starring in a new action driving series for Audi to promote the automaker's new A1 pint-sized hatchback. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Automotive in brief

TEST Toyota has announced the first phase of a national Canadian partnership for real-world demonstrations of the all-new Toyota Prius Plug-In Hybrid vehicle (Prius PHV). Toyota is working with 13 partners for the trial, including academics, provincial government departments, municipalities and provincial power authorities. Partnerships in four provinces — British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec — make this the first Canadian trial of advanced technology vehicles. FROM CARGUIDE

Crawford's great Escape

MyDrive

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Name: Gavin Crawford

Why's he famous: A Gemini Award-winning Canadian comedian and actor, best known as one of the stars of CBC's hit show This Hour Has 22 Minutes — a role he's held for the past seven years. Crawford is currently starring on-stage in the Theatre Calgary's production of The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.

What he drives: A 2005 Ford Escape Hybrid.

Why the Escape? I tend to be an early adopter of technology (laughs). Well, the hybrid thing seemed pretty neat to me and we were doing a lot of work on our house at the time so we needed something that was big so that we could haul stuff. But I didn't want to get a giant gas-guzzler. Being a hybrid, it allowed us the room without being monstrously fuel-inefficient.

The Escape's best feature: One of the cool things is the little computer thing that shows you how much gas mileage you're getting, so you can turn it on and become a really annoying gas-conscious driver (laughs). No gunning away from stoplights, just going around at a reasonable pace to maximize your gas mileage. It sort of becomes a fun game to play — maybe not for the people behind you though.

Are you a car guy? I do like cars. I haven't bought a lot of cars. But when I buy a car, I tend to research it a lot and figure out what I'm going to want for the next little while. I had Volkswagen Jetta for a while which I really liked, and I had a Golf. Both standards. I like standard. The only problem with the Ford Escape is it's an automatic. My next car, I'll probably go back to standard. It's just more fun.

Gavin Crawford drives a 2005 Ford Escape Hybrid.

Dream car: I'd probably get one of those Audi TTs just to have a racing car.

What kind of driver are you? I'm a defensive driver. I do love driving though. I've driven across Canada and America. Everywhere you can drive on this continent, I've pretty much driven. When I was working in L.A., we drove from Toronto to L.A. and back about six times. That was when I had the Golf. It had a lot of miles on it.

Heather Buchan is a Toronto-based journalist who has worked at Homemakers, Canadian Living, Canadian House & Home and, most recently, Hello! Canada, where she cut her teeth in the world of celebrities.

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The Auto Start-Stop is found in Porsche's latest version of the Panamera.

Porsche auto stop cuts off car idling

JIL MCINTOSH
for Metro Canada

Unlike conventional cars, hybrid vehicles generally get better fuel efficiency in the city than on the highway. Part of the reason is idle-stop — the gasoline engine shuts off when the vehicle isn't moving.

Some non-hybrid European models do this, but now, Porsche has brought the technology to Canada with its new Auto Start-Stop, found on Panamera and on automatic-equipped Cayenne models.

"Over the life cycle of a car, you spend something like 27 per cent of your time idling," says Laurance Yap, manager of public relations for Porsche Cars Canada. "If you can just shut the engine off while you're not going anywhere, you can see a substantial fuel savings without the complexity of a hybrid powertrain."

Hybrids use the car's electric motor to restart the engine. Instead, Porsche uses a heavy-duty version of the regular gear-drive starter used on regular models. "It's a much beefier starter," Yap says. "It's substantially reinforced and much more robust than in a car that doesn't shut itself off all the time. It will last as long as a conventional starter would last in a car without this feature."

"If you can just shut the engine off while you're not going anywhere, you can see a substantial fuel savings without the complexity of a hybrid powertrain."
Porsche's Laurance Yap

Driving Force

Unlike a hybrid, where the idle stop operates without any driver intervention, Porsche's Auto Start-Stop can be turned off via a button on the console if the driver chooses. When it's turned on, the car's sensors determine if and when to shut off the engine.

In order for it to operate, the shift lever must be in Drive, the engine must be within its normal operating temperature, and the car must be completely stopped with the driver's foot on the brake. The engine stays on if the car is in Sport or Sport Plus mode, if it's on a steep incline, or if the wheels are angled, which might indicate that the driver intends to make a quick turn.

Although the engine is no longer running, everything else continues to operate, including the lights, heat or air conditioning, stereo, safety systems, and all electronics.

There's no time limit to how long the engine stays off, but the car constantly monitors the battery's charge, and if it drops below a certain point, the engine starts up again to charge it.

"There's a ten-per-cent reduction in fuel consumption, and a five per cent reduction of CO_2 emissions over the life of the vehicle," Yap says.

"It's another expression of the Porsche ethos of building the most efficient model possible, regardless of the segment."

Sportage a modern CUV from Kia

NEW MODEL The completely redesigned 2011 Sportage offers a more urban and fluid silhouette than its predecessor while retaining the functional features and benefits of the popular CUV.

In addition to an all-new design package, the 2011 Sportage also offers increased levels of performance and efficiency, comfort and convenience and the latest in-vehicle technologies incorporated into all of Kia's latest new vehicles.

2011 Kia Sportage

The Sportage projects a modern and clean CUV and greatly expands beyond the current generations' basic, reliable appeal.

The all-new Sportage comes standard with a 2.4-litre DOHC 16-value four-cylinder engine with Continuously Variable Value Timing (CVVT), offering more power and better fuel economy than the previous 2.7-litre V6 engine.

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HWY 6.2L/100 KM (46 MPG)† CITY 7.8L/100 KM (36 MPG)†

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XR model shown

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Own it for $109¥ all-in payment
semi-monthly payment for 60 months with a $3,700 down payment. Includes freight and fees. GST/PST are extra.

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Don't fear the repair

Warning signs that you shouldn't ignore

JIL MCINTOSH
for Metro Canada

Nobody likes car repairs, and because of that, many drivers put them off as long as possible. You can get away with that on a few things, but there are some you shouldn't ignore. Left untreated, they can quickly turn into even bigger repair bills, with the possibility of serious damage or an unsafe vehicle.

Note that all of the warning lights in the instrument cluster will come on when you start the engine, but should all go out after a few seconds. You're watching for warning lights that flash or stay on while you're driving or idling.

BRAKES Every so often, open the window and listen to your brakes. If you hear a continuous squeaking while driving that goes away when you press the brake pedal, it's a wear indicator that's telling you the brake pads need replacement. Replacing them at the first signs of wear will avoid far more expensive repair bills. If they grind when you press the pedal, get them checked right away — that's the sound of seriously worn brakes, which can affect your stopping distance.

Anti-lock brakes make a loud rumbling sound if they activate during a panic stop, so don't fret if you hear this when stopping hard on a slippery surface. If they're noisy during regular braking, get them checked.

OIL LIGHT If the warning comes on, stop as soon as you can and shut the engine off. Wait about five minutes, and then check the level on the oil dipstick. If it's low, add the amount indicated (overfilling is harmful too). If the level is fine, don't restart the engine until it's checked. If your oil pump isn't working, and so isn't circulating oil, running the engine without that lubrication can cause serious damage.

OVERHEATING Engines can overheat even on the coldest days. If the warning comes on, pull over and shut off the engine to prevent serious damage. Other symptoms include an antifreeze odour or rattling in the engine. Possible causes can be a split heater hose, leaking radiator or malfunctioning water pump.

Hoses and belts usually get soft or worn well in advance of failure, so have them checked periodically to prevent problems.

GAS GAUGE The fuel pumps on newer cars are in the tank, where the fuel cools and lubricates them. It's hard on the pump to consistently run close to empty. As well, traffic jams or foul weather can add considerably to your commute time, especially if you're stuck on the highway. That's when you discover that "enough gas to get me home" is not.

Old Habits Die Hard

Consumers Remain Complacent About Rising Car Insurance Rates

What Does Your Renewal Notice Say?

If you're like many consumers, your renewal notice is coming up again, a day you always dread. How much will your rate increase this year? With rates increasing by an average of almost 10% over the last 12 months across Ontario insurers, chances are your rate is going up again, even if your driving record has not changed. You might figure there is no point shopping around for a better rate since everyone's rates seem to be increasing. Better to at least save your time by signing back the renewal, just like you do every year, right? Wrong. You can save time and money on your car insurance…if you know where to look.

How Do I Break The Cycle?

First, you need to realize that you have control over your car insurance costs – you just need to exercise it. And the simplest way to do that is to shop around. Why? Because despite what you've heard about rising car insurance rates, the size of the increase can vary significantly from one company to the next and from one driver to another. The truth is that rates charged by different insurance companies to insure the same driver, with the same car, for the same coverage, can vary by hundreds and even thousands of dollars. Take a look at the table below.

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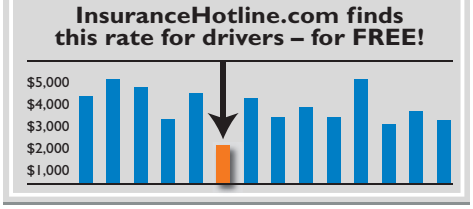

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Crowe gets recognized

Russell Crowe has been given a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame. The Oscar-winning actor — who has previously refused offers to have the prestigious honour — was accompanied by wife Danielle Spencer and their two sons. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Bret to the ER

Apprentice star Bret Michaels, the 47-year-old former Poison frontman, had to be rushed to the hospital early Monday morning for an emergency appendectomy. POPEATER.COM

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Private Morgan keeps it lively

30 Rock star calls Death at a Funeral co-stars, Rock and Lawrence his comedy heroes

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

When Tracy Morgan signed up for Twitter last October, the online world went wild. But after about a month of regular updates in his signature scatterbrained style, the 30 Rock star went quiet. There's a reason for that, he tells Metro.

"I've always been a private person. I'm from the hood. You got to understand, I'm from a different generation. I don't even know how to use a computer, man," he says. "But if I started using Twitter, it'd be x-rated. 'I'm going up for the upstroke now, coming down on the downstroke.'"

Aside from worries about adult-oriented content, Morgan also stays off the micro-blogging site because he doesn't want to waste good material.

Tracy Morgan and Chris Rock star in Death at a Funeral which opens this Friday.

"If they're getting everything right there on Twitter, they're not going to come see me do stand-up," he says. "I like to store information and put it on stage."

Morgan says he still does stand-up every weekend, even with the production schedule for his award-winning sitcom 30 Rock and promotional duties for film's like Cop Out and this week's Death at a Funeral. He's gearing up for a two-to-three month stand-up tour before 30 Rock begins filming its fifth season, and he insists his increased success hasn't slowed him down any. "I'm still out there getting girls pregnant," he says.

But first he has to promote Death at a Funeral, his new ensemble comedy that puts him alongside Chris Rock and Martin Lawrence, something Morgan doesn't take for granted.

Death at a Funeral opens Friday

"Chris Rock and Martin Lawrence are my heroes. Those guys put me to work when I first started as a kid," he says. "They allowed me to stand on their shoulders."

And he's doing his best to keep things lively during the exhausting publicity tour for the film.

"Yesterday during the press junket, I pulled out my jockstrap," he says matter-of-factly. "Because I wear jock straps. I don't wear boxers," he explains.

VH1 producers, take notes: As busy as he's gotten recently, Morgan still has one project he'd like to get off the ground. "I want to go on Celebrity Fit Club and just eat chicken all day in front of them," he says with a grin. "Mess with my team, get my team to flip out on me and spaz out on me. 'We're trying to lose weight and you're eating Kentucky Fried Chicken. He got a bucket sitting right under his chair now!'"

The Crocodiles brings raw portrayal of teens to town

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

When Christian Ditter was a chid, his favourite book was German Max Von Der Grun's 1976 young-adult novel The Crocodiles, about a disabled teen's initiation into a benign small-town youth gang.

So when he was approached to direct a film version, the filmmaker was understandably excited — as well as cautious.

"We wanted to be true to themes," says the 37-year-old filmmaker, "which are about acceptance and integration, and the idea that at some point, every kid feels special or different. But I was worried that in updating it for today's audiences, we would lose the original story. Or worse, that today's kids would just dismiss it as an 'old story.'"

Sprockets Toronto International Film Festival For Children runs April 17-23.

That hasn't been the case in Germany, where The Crocodiles is already a major box-office success. Ditter says he's interested to see what the audience reaction will be like when the film becomes the latest well-received European import to make its Canadian premiere at Sprockets Toronto International Film Festival for Children.

"My short film Enchanted played (at Sprockets) 10 years ago, but this will be my first time coming to Toronto," says Ditter. "In fact, it will be my first chance to see it with any sort of festival audience at all.

"In Germany, we've had screenings for schools, where kids did projects comparing the film to the book and talking about the themes. I'm looking forward to getting the same sort of feedback (at Sprockets)."

One aspect of the film worth discussing is its rather blunt depiction of social and racial tensions among its early-teenaged characters, as well as a smattering of harsh language in the dialogue.

"The fact is that if you go to a schoolyard and just listen for a few minutes, you hear a lot worse," laughs the director. "We wanted to portray these kids' world as it really is, not in pretty pink colors. We wanted to take their problems seriously."

Sprockets Best Bets

- Cowards: There's a frankness to the acting (and violence) in Spanish directors Jose Corbacho and Juan Cruz's film about high school bullying.
- Future Frames: This program showcasing work of university-age filmmakers is highlighted by a pair of striking animated pieces.
- Glowing Stars: The subject matter of this Swedish drama is downbeat — a 14-year-old girl copes with her mother's fatal illness — but director Lisa Siwe shows a deft seriocomic touch.

Moore set to pop by Grey's Anatomy
Mandy Moore is donning scrubs for Grey's Anatomy — she's joining the cast of the hit medical drama for a guest appearance this year. Moore will take part in the two-hour season finale. TVGUIDE.COM

Eubanks leaving Leno after 18 years

SIDEKICK Tonight Show bandleader Kevin Eubanks has made it official: He's leaving as Jay Leno's sideman in May after 18 years with the late-night host.

He told Leno during Monday's taping of Tonight in Burbank, Calif., that he was ready for a career change of pace, but he didn't announce specific plans. Eubanks called the NBC late-night show his "home" and said it had been "a wonderful experience" working there.

Eubanks, 52, whose duties included comic sidekick to Leno as well as guitarist, has been aboard since Leno took over Tonight in 1992. Eubanks became musical director when Branford Marsalis left in 1995.

In February, NBC said Eubanks had expressed interest in personal touring and recording.

His final day on Tonight is May 28. NBC did not immediately announce his replacement.

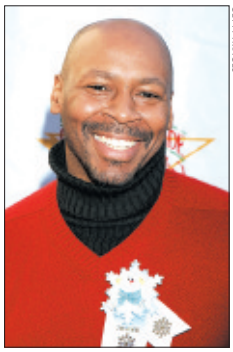
"After 18 years of playing America into commercials, I'm gonna go somewhere where I can finish a song," Eubanks said when Leno asked what he planned to do first.

Leno, who invited Eubanks to sit with him to make the announcement, called their time together "a pleasure."

"You've been a great friend and really supportive. When those jokes die, I got to look to you, man," Leno told him.

In an interview afterward, Eubanks said he had no specific plans and was "keeping everything open."

Asked about the highlights of his Tonight years, Eubanks said it was "just meeting B.B. King, Willie Nelson, all these wonderful musicians that I've grown to be friends with."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Kevin Eubanks

When he told King he planned to leave the show, the legendary musician expressed surprise but, Eubanks said, "you could see the pride in his face. ... He felt pride, like he had something to do with it. It felt good that I was part of the lineage."

So would he like to see another African-American musician take his place?

"I want to see a really great band leader replace me. But I wouldn't be mad," he said, with a laugh.

Eubanks was with Leno for the short-lived The Jay Leno Show in prime-time, then came back to Tonight when Leno reclaimed the show from Conan O'Brien in March. O'Brien left NBC rather than move Tonight to a later slot to make room for Leno in late night.

The turmoil had nothing to do with his decision to leave, Eubanks said.

"Nah," he said. "We have a job to do and we do it."

Eubanks' announcement came the day that O'Brien announced plans to start a late-night show on TBS later this year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Say goodbye to Betty

Groundbreaking TV show tackled important issues

During its four-year run, ABC's Ugly Betty skewered the New York fashion world, nabbing celebrity cameos from the likes of Lindsay Lohan, Shakira and Isaac Mizrahi.

It turned America Ferrera, who played the plucky but style-challenged Betty Suarez, into a household name. And it landed a prestigious Peabody Award.

As the credits roll on the wacky dramedy's last episode April 14, Latino, gay rights groups and fans are lamenting more than the loss of Betty's cringe-inducing outfits and the melodrama of the Meade family — owners of the show's fictional fashion magazine Mode. The hour-long show was also among the rare network programs to tackle such controversial issues as gay teens, body image and illegal immigration.

The show contrasted Betty's career at Mode with her working class, Mexican immigrant family, including her widower father Ignacio, her impulsive older sister Hilda and her theatre-loving, fashion expert nephew Justin, who came out as gay in this last season.

"Having this family at the centre of the show made it normal to watch a Latino family in a non-stereotypical way," Ferrera said in an email to The Associated Press.

Lisa Navarrete, a vice-president for the National Council of La Raza, said the show's absence will leave a void.

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From left: Becki Newton, America Ferrera, Tony Plana, and Vanessa Williams stars of the show Ugly Betty, which airs its last show tonight after a four-year run.

The series finale of Ugly Betty airs tonight

"You don't have a lot of Latino-themed shows on TV, so when we lose 'Ugly Betty,' we will have a major loss," she said.

The brainchild of producer Silvio Horta and actress and producer Salma Hayek, Ugly Betty was based on a Colombian telenovela that became so popular it was copied in Mexico, Germany and elsewhere.

The English version also proved a global hit. More than 10,000 Facebook fans from as far as England, the Philippines and Bangladesh have begged ABC not to cancel the show since it announced this season would be its last, following a decline in the show's ratings an ever-changing schedule.

Shortly after the height of the immigration debate, the show followed Betty's father as he confessed to his American-born children that he had been living in the U.S. illegally.

Even with comedic turns, "the plot line illustrated the complexity of the lives of many undocumented immigrants who are otherwise integrated into American life," Navarrete said. "You have a lot of families like Ugly Betty where you have U.S. born children whose parents have undocumented status."

More groundbreaking was the show's handling of its gay and transgender characters, said Jarett Barrios, president of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. Although initially played for laughs, Ugly Betty provided a sympathetic portrait of Meade scion Alex who transforms into the stunning Alexis. And it followed the bumpy love life of Mode's gay fashion assistant Marc St. James. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Betty star keeping busy

- Ugly Betty will soon be over for its star, America Ferrera but she's got a new project in the works from behind the scenes. Ferrera will serve as executive producer of Pedro & Maria, a multicultural, interactive telenovela in development for MTV television and various web platforms. Pedro & Maria is billed as a bilingual, modern-day version of Romeo & Juliet that will give its audience the ability to vote on the direction the characters and story lines take.

Strait sets record

George Strait has set a Billboard record. The trade magazine said Tuesday that the country legend is the first act to hit the top 10 on any Billboard chart for 30 straight years. Strait's first country top 10 hit was in 1981, with Unwound. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

What a year for Gloriana

Country foursome are now up for award at ACMs

The four members of Gloriana are walking into this year's Academy of Country Music Awards with a sense of purpose.

They were there last year, but they weren't nominated for anything, and since they were just starting out, very few people knew their music.

But a year changes things. They had the country hit Wild at Heart, have distinguished themselves with their debut album and captured an American Music Award.

And at Sunday's ACMs in Las Vegas, they are up for overall top new artist against Luke Bryan and Joey + Rory after winning top new group last month.

"I think that we've waited a really long time to feel embraced and welcomed, and it's starting to happen, and that's just the most rewarding feeling ever," said singer Rachel Reinert, 21.

"We're going to be (at the ACMs) with all of these country artists that we've toured with and gotten to know, and they're good friends of ours now," added singer and mandolin player Cheyenne Kimball, 19. "It's just going to be really amazing if we're able to get up on the stage and win one. We're the babies. We're very new, so I think it would be very special for us."

The four members share vocal duties with each other while brothers Tom and Mike Gossin also play guitar.

One thing's for sure, their fans know how to vote. Gloriana upset heavily favoured nominee Lady Gaga at the American Music Awards last year to win breakthrough artist of the year. That unexpected win, along with a yearlong stint opening for Taylor Swift, might make it seem like their success has come overnight, but the group sees it differently.

"We've all had our own different paths," said Reinert. "The guys were playing in bars and Cheyenne had a record deal as a solo artist when she was like 13. For me, I moved out here to Nashville when I was 15 and was playing songwriters nights and doing all this. And when we got together, we all lived together in this apartment."

She added: "That transitioned into us being in a van and playing in these dive bars and clubs just trying to get our name out there, playing as many shows as we possibly could. It's been a really long journey for all of us and we've definitely worked really really hard."

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(L-R) Mike Gossin, Cheyenne Kimball, Rachel Reinert and Tom Gossin of Gloriana. This Sunday, the band is up for a overall top new artist at the Academy of Country Music Awards.

"We're the babies. We're very new, so I think (winning) would be very special for us"
Cheyenne Kimball, Gloriana

"For 10 straight years we played for tips in bars in North Carolina," said Tom Gossin, 28, of time spent performing with brother and bandmate Mike Gossin, 26.

"We were doing like 250 shows a year," Mike added.

It was all leading up to the moment when Taylor Swift called.

"I don't know if we would've been able to just jump onto the Taylor Swift tour had we not had the experience we had," Tom said. "Because I mean going from playing in bars to, 'OK, ready? Go!' and walking out to 20,000 people. You've got to really know your stuff."

They will continue to tour with Swift until her tour wraps up in June.

As for the future, Gloriana's goals include someday winning a Grammy and hosting Saturday Night Live, but this year, they just hope to build on the momentum they've created.

"We would love to have a top 10 hit at country radio and I think just to continue to play as many shows as we can, meet as many fans as we can and just keep doing what we're doing, and just get the word out there about who we are and get people to come to our shows," said Reinert.

"And bring home an ACM," added Kimball.

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Entertainment in brief

FILM Paramount Pictures is exploring a new frontier by participating in an offer to sell Seagate Technology hard drives with a copy of the latest Star Trek movie and 20 other films already on board. The one-month offer, which both companies on Monday called an industry first, would combine a 500-gigabyte hard drive with a free version of 2009's Star Trek for an online promotional price of $100. An empty 500 GB Seagate hard drive usually sells for $140. The other movies distributed by Paramount, including GI Joe, Nacho Libre and Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius come preloaded with a digital lock that requires a code that can be purchased online for $10 to $15 each. Even watching Star Trek requires registration. The preloaded movies come with a system that prevents file sharing.

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To commemorate the 30-year anniversary of Pink Floyd's The Wall, Roger Waters will perform music from the iconic concept album.

Waters to celebrate The Wall with four-month tour

It's been 30 years, but Pink Floyd's The Wall still means a great deal in the rock world — and to its co-creator Roger Waters.

So, to commemorate the groundbreaking album's anniversary, Waters plans a tour this fall of the music from the concept album, with new staging that will bring the story — loosely inspired by his life — to a new generation.

"In the 30-odd years since I first performed this piece, it's taken on some new meanings for me," Waters, co-founder, bassist and main lyricist for Pink Floyd, said in an interview last week.

"Thirty years ago, when I was kind of an angry and not very young lad, I found myself driven into defensive positions because I was scared of stuff and I've come to realize that, in that personal story, maybe somewhere hidden in there, exists an allegory for more general and universal themes, political and social themes," he said. "It's really for that reason that I decided that I'd try and create a new performance of this piece, using a lot of the same things that we did all those years ago."

But Waters said he won't just be dusting off the show that the now-defunct Pink Floyd performed decades ago. In fact, Waters said part of the excitement surrounding his new staging of The Wall involves new technology that allows him to do things he could only dream about in the 1980s and '90s.

"Projection systems now are completely different from what they were then, which means that I would be able to project over the entire 250-foot expanse of the wall," he said.

Though the tour promises plenty of grand theatrics, more important to Waters is the legendary album's political and social commentary, which he believes is still relative.

"When we did it then, we were after the end of the Vietnam War, and we're right now in the middle of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, so there's a very powerful anti-war message in The Wall. There was then and there still is now," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tour dates

- John Waters' North American tour will kick off Sept. 15 in Toronto and end Dec. 15 in Anaheim, Calif. It will also head to Europe.

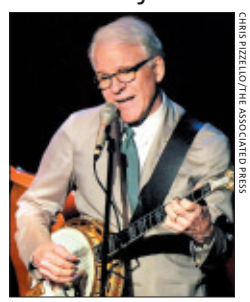
Steve Martin — the banjo man

MUSIC With no introduction or celebrity fanfare, Steve Martin steps onstage with the Steep Canyon Rangers bluegrass band, a banjo strapped to his chest.

He's not there to tell jokes, though he manages to squeeze in a few. He's there to play music — songs from his Grammy-winning bluegrass album, The Crow: New Songs for the Five-String Banjo.

Martin tells the crowd he met the band at a party in North Carolina, "but when we're in California, I tell people we met in rehab."

With that, he begins to play, with such conviction and skill that he's clearly not joking. A banjo player for 45 years, Martin says he wrote every song in the hourlong set, just as he did all 15 tracks on his album. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Actor Steven Martin performs with the Steep Canyon Rangers bluegrass band.

Beck leads charge of Juno newcomers

It took Howie Beck four albums spread over the last 13 years to finally receive his first Juno nomination.

So he's going to make sure he has a bit of fun with it.

"I've just been joking with it with my friends. When I call them, I say: 'Please hold for Juno-nominated artist Howie Beck,'" the Toronto singer-songwriter said with a laugh during a telephone interview.

"It's fun. It's fun to feel ever so briefly part of a club that I've never been part of."

And he's not alone.

In fact, with 94 first-time nominees up for prizes at this Sunday's 39th Juno Awards in St. John's, a host of newbies will be ushered into that same exclusive club alongside Beck — and some might even manage to steal the show.

Sure, this year's Junos will still fete some familiar names — if Michael Bublé cashes in any of his leading six nominations, he'll be adding to a career tally that already includes six Juno trophies — but many of this year's marquee performers will be making their first appearance at the annual music bash.

Howie Beck is among 94 first-time Juno nominees.

There's Canada's newly crowned hip-hop heavyweight Drake, that rare Canadian artist to have appeared at the Grammys prior to popping up at his homegrown award show.

The 23-year-old is armed with four nominations at Sunday's show, months before his long-delayed debut LP, Thank Me Later, is finally set to drop.

The Junos have also been quick to embrace Justin Bieber.

The 16-year-old from Stratford, Ont., pocketed nominations in three major categories (album of the year, new artist of the year and pop album of the year).

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Correction

• Pantene's online contest for its new customized line, where people can create their own lockumentary and upload it to pantene.com/realitystar, closes on Sunday. Incorrect information appeared in yesterday's edition of Metro.

Iggy Pop, Stooges to play NXNE

CONCERTS Iggy Pop and the Stooges will bring some raw power to this year's North by Northeast lineup.

The groundbreaking Detroit rockers will headline this year's NXNE fest with a free show at Toronto's Yonge-Dundas Square on June 19.

Revered New York hip-hop innovators De La Soul and beloved L.A. punk institution X have also been announced for the festival, which will run from June 14 to 20. Halifax power pop outfit Sloan, and Brooklyn indie-rockers Les Savy Fav are among the other acts announced for the festival.

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Crawford backs out of Footloose

Looks like Chace Crawford won't be filling Kevin Bacon's shoes after all in the remake of the iconic 1984 movie Footloose. Crawford's rep has confirmed that the Gossip Girl hottie has backed out of the dance-loving lead in the remake. EW.COM

The good actress: Margulies

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Metro World News

Ten years after leaving ER, Julianna Margulies finds herself back on television with another bona fide hit, the legal drama The Good Wife, which earned the actress critical acclaim as well as a Golden Globe and Screen Actors Guild award after only a few episodes had aired.

On the series, Margulies stars as Alicia Florrick, who returns to practicing law after her politician husband (Chris Noth) is embroiled in a sex scandal. Margulies spoke to Metro about infidelity, power and why women are better at dealing with both.

Q How do you relate to what your character is going through?

A The great thing about playing this role is we don't know what is going to happen... Everything she is doing right now is because she has children, and I think she is trying to piece together a family somehow and make sure that her children are safe, but we don't know what is going to happen. I don't know what I would do personally. Every situation is different, and who is to say? You don't know what happens in a bedroom, you know. You are not there. So we are very quick to judge these women. The thing I love is the premise of this show — is there such a thing as forgiveness?

Q Is there?

A I don't know. I think it's tricky. I've had friends whose husbands have absolutely had midlife crises and ended up with the nanny and woke up a year later and said, "I am an idiot. Take me back," and they have and it's worked out. I have friends who say, "Screw you, see you later," and now they are off remarried with a great guy. I can't imagine it happening to me, but I'm a newlywed. But all I know is, God forbid it ever did, I would want to try and do everything I could to try and save my marriage because I believe in the institution of marriage.

Q Why do you think people are so fascinated by these kinds of sex scandals?

A I guess it's a fantasy world to everyone else. There is something hot about it, I guess. A politician is different than anything else. There's a power you have that's different than anything else.

Q Do you think women deal with that kind of power differently?

A Absolutely! We are programmed differently. Even if you have never been married with children, we still know how to multitask. Someone asked me, "Why is it that women are not having the affairs?" And my answer is, we don't have the time. I'm sure women are having affairs, but if you have a full-time job and you're a mother and a wife and a friend and a sister and a daughter, when on earth are you going to find the time to slip out and have some nookie? I can't imagine having to fit that in.

Q Was the show based on what happened with New York Governor Eliot Spitzer and his wife?

A I would be remiss to say that it's based solely on the Spitzers because it is not. It's an accumulation of what happened to many of these women. I think Eliot Spitzer was very good at his job. Unfortunately, he thought he was untouchable and he did bad things.

Q If he returned to politics, would you vote for him?

A I don't know. I would have to see what was on his agenda before I did that. But for me, personally, when the whole thing happened with Bill Clinton, he was still a great president. I did not care that he was getting blow-jobs from women. That had nothing to do with my view of how America was being run. I am more liberal that way.

Left: Julianna Margulies.

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From Guidos to Paddys
No one ever accused MTV of under-exploiting a hit, and Jersey Shore is no exception. While production continues on the second season, casting agents are now heading to Boston looking for Irish-Americans for a spin-off series. EW.COM

A drug tale for Douglas heir

It was the summer of 2009 and Cameron Douglas was strung out on heroin — again.

Holed up in a trendy Manhattan hotel, the wayward heir to Hollywood royalty — son of Michael, grandson of Kirk — was shooting up sometimes six times a day.

His own stabs at stardom had mostly gone nowhere. But notoriety found him when federal agents showed up at his hotel door to cast him in an unwanted role: methamphetamine trafficker.

The 31-year-old's real-life drug drama in a Manhattan court has since laid bare the details of his downward spiral — which friends blame on a toxic mix of privilege, neglect and a family legacy of substance abuse — and his loved ones' deep despair over it.

"I must admit that my immediate reaction when I learned of my son's crime was one of guilt," his mother Diandra wrote in one of several letters from supporters asking a federal judge for leniency at a sentencing scheduled for today.

The Drug Enforcement Administration declines to discuss the investigation. But court proceedings, including Douglas' guilty plea, and documents indicate he has given information in hopes of being spared a minimum sentence of 10 years in prison.

Douglas' mother — 12 years younger than his father and the daughter of a diplomat — had the couple's only child at 22. At the time, she possessed "a striking immaturity about her," wrote family friend Patricia Sullivan-Webb.

Douglas grew up "in the shadow of mythic forebears," wrote Nancy Hersch Ingram, Diandra's godmother. "He was a very sweet and shy boy ... That he somehow needed to be 'somebody' was evident, but who should he be?"

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Even while using drugs, Cameron Douglas had a successful spin as a DJ in New York City.

By 13, Douglas had been shipped off to boarding school and began smoking marijuana. As his parents' marriage fell apart, he turned to cocaine. A series of rehabs and relapses followed.

He later dropped out of school and went to New York where, despite his habit, he found some success as a DJ in clubs. A friend who hired him, Jen Gatien, wrote that he was "an absolute hit" behind the turntables.

But by 2004, Douglas was hooked on heroin and well on the path to self-destruction. Gatien wrote that she had no choice but to break off their friendship that year.

Defence lawyers say that after his father failed in 2006 to persuade Douglas to again get treatment, he cut off his son from the family fortune. That's when, the lawyers say, their client decided to make ends meet by dealing meth.

"I hate to say it, but he needs to be rebuilt."
Robert B. Millman a psychiatrist who has treated Cameron Douglas

For three years, DEA officials say, Douglas supplied over five pounds of meth to New York dealers — a large amount for a city where the drug has mostly a niche market in the gay community and on the club scene. The city has averaged about 14 pounds in seizures since 2005.

Douglas' lawyers say he came to New York last summer hoping to "clean up." He moved into the luxury Hotel Gansevoort in Manhattan's Meatpacking District. His drug-addict girlfriend Kelly Sott moved with him — a recipe for more trouble.

Agents arrested Douglas on July 28 at the Gansevoort. He was given house arrest at his mother's Manhattan apartment, but was thrown in jail after Sott tried to smuggle him heroin inside an electric toothbrush — an offence that led to her own guilty plea on drug charges.

Douglas' lawyers have argued that he deserves three and a half years in prison at most, and he, too, is looking forward to redeeming himself and leading a sober life once he's out.

But a psychiatrist who has treated Douglas, Robert B. Millman, testified that his road to recovery will be rocky.

"I hate to say it, but he needs to be rebuilt," he said.

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Grammy's back to old spot

MUSIC The Recording Academy announced Tuesday that the Grammy's will be held on Sunday, Feb. 13, 2011.

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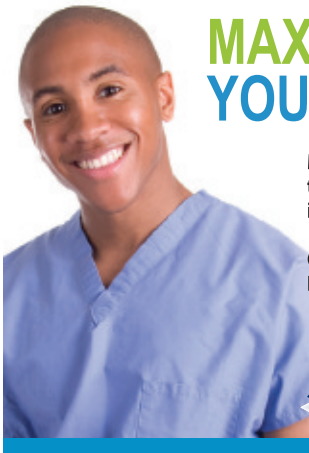
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Sayles has deal to publish book on U.S. occupation of the Phillipines

Filmmaker John Sayles has a deal for a long historical novel. Sayles' fictionalized account of the U.S. occupation of the Phillipines around the turn of the 20th century is tentatively titled Some Time in the Sun. It's more than 1,000 pages in manuscript form. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jackie O interviews to be released

During the first half of 1964, just months after her husband was assassinated, Jacqueline Kennedy sat for seven interviews with historian and family friend Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr.

They met at her home in Washington, D.C., where the former first lady discussed her marriage, her White House years, election-year campaigning and her husband's thoughts about a second term.

The interview is part of what became the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library's Oral History and, at Jacqueline Kennedy's request, was kept sealed for an indefinite time. She died in 1994.

Now, with the 50th anniversary of her father's inauguration coming next year, daughter Caroline Kennedy is allowing the conversations to be widely released.

In September 2011, Hyperion will publish the transcripts and release six and one half hours of audiotape, providing a new and extended opportunity to hear the famously breathy voice of Jacqueline Kennedy discuss topics she rarely touched upon in public. Caroline Kennedy will serve as editor and write an introduction for the book, currently untitled, and a historian will provide annotation. (Schlesinger, a two-time Pulitzer Prize winner, died in 2007.)

"My mother's passion for history guided and informed her work in the White House," Kennedy, president of the Kennedy Library Foundation, said in a statement Tuesday issued by Hyperion.

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Arthur Schlesinger Jr., left, interviewed Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis in 1964 just months after her husband's death. The tapes of those interviews are to be released in September 2011.

Berkley pens book for teen girls

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Tofino hosts a trio of stars

Hollywood stars Steve Martin, Jack Black and Owen Wilson are prompting a local chef to anxiously review her repertoire.

The three are staring in a take on a book about a bird watching competition and several sites around Tofino — including Mare Bruce's restaurant — have been selected as film locations.

Bruce, whose family has owned the iconic Schooner Restaurant in this seaside Vancouver Island community for 43 years, has been asked by those involved with the movie to prepare one of her dishes for a scene.

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Tofino will be one of the shooting locations for The Big Year starring Steve Martin, Jack Black and Owen Wilson

"I'm really excited they chose the restaurant. I'm really excited about the whole thing," said Bruce.

She said she's settled on serving the restaurant's signature Admiral's Plate, a combination of salmon, halibut, mussels, clams and oysters — well known West Coast fare.

The three stars — as well as 150 film crew members, their trucks and trailers — will be in Tofino next month to begin shooting The Big Year.

Based on the book, The Big Year: A Tale of Man, Nature and Fowl Obsession by Mark Obmascik, the movie tells the story of three avid bird watchers who are competing to spot the rarest bird in North America.

Long-time resident Roland Arnet will also be temporarily handing over his house.

"I was happy to co-operate with them, and I'm pleased they found my house suitable for them," said Arnet, a 75-year-old retired school teacher and administrator. Arnet's home was built in 1931 and still boasts cedar siding.

Mayor John Fraser said the movie with such well-known stars will be good for the town.

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	627	528	50	SPC	Stargate Atlantis (DVS)		Star Trek: Voyager		Chuck (HDTV)		Supernatural (HDTV) (N)		InnerSpace (N)
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	618	524	54	TROP	Dog Whisperer		Hoarders		Hoarders		Parking Wars	Parking Wars	Spoiled Rotten
	603	561	56	FOOD	Ricardo	Eat, Shrink	Challenge		Iron Chef America		Chopped "A Nori Story"		Restaurant
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	305	612	306	PIX	(7:10) *Ignition* (2002, Suspense) Bill Pullman, Lena Olin.				*To Live and Die in L.A.* ★★ (1985, Crime Drama)				*Premonition* ★
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	637	-	-	TVLND	Red Green	Red Green	Fantasy Island		Hart to Hart (Part 1 of 2)		Andy Griffith	Phil Silvers	Bizarre
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Tango with the taxman
While Pamela Anderson tangos on Dancing with the Stars, California officials say she has failed to pay $493,000 US in personal income tax. Anderson is on the annual list of delinquent taxpayers, popeater.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

The single mom blues

SUCK IT UP, WOMAN! IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE WORKING THE CHECKOUT LINE AND LIVING OFF FOOD COUPONS Responding to her ex-husband's accusations that she's an absentee parent, Kate Gosselin says she has no choice but to work, which takes her away from her eight kids — but that she tries to make every moment with them count that much more, people.com reports.

"I've got to work harder now than ever because I am a single mom," the former Jon & Kate Plus 8 star, 35, said Tuesday on NBC's Today show.

"In my heart I'm always in my kitchen, baking and cooking for my kids, and I'll always be there. It's a struggle to be here (in New York), to be anywhere. The emotion that you see is because I would rather be at home with them."

But that's not always possible, she says.

"I have to work. I have to provide for them. And it's a struggle that every working mom, especially single moms, go through, and I'm really feeling it now, and it's really hard."

The best she can do, Gosselin says, is carve out as much time with them as possible. She says she leaves Los Angeles, where Dancing with the Stars is filmed, every week to spend time in Pennsylvania.

"If I had 24 hours a day seven days a week with eight kids, it wouldn't be enough time in my book," she says.

"So, to minus out the working days is really hard. But I make the most of every minute I have with them … when I'm home, we make those little spots of time really big in our memories."

Jon and Kate Gosselin are due in court in Pennsylvania on May 25 for a hearing on his motion for full custody of their eight children, the Associated Press reports.

Jon Gosselin's new lawyer also says his client does not earn enough to warrant the current $21,700 monthly child support award.

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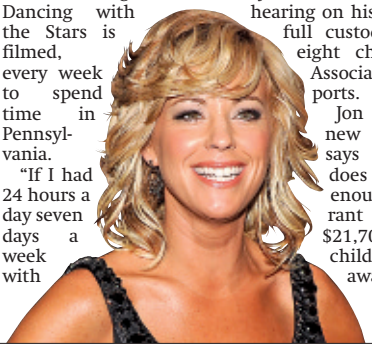

Stop hurting his feelings

STICKS AND STONES WON'T BREAK HIS BONES BUT WORDS WILL. THAT'S HOW IT GOES, RIGHT? Ryan Phillippe has had enough of people criticizing him over his divorce from Reese Witherspoon and his recent split from Abbie Cornish.

"I've been dumped on in the press for relationship stuff since Reese and I divorced," he tells Howard Stern.

"I don't feel like I deserve it. Things happen! How many people have you broken up with over your life?"

And after his relationship with Cornish, Phillippe says he's making some changes: "I have a new rule: not to date anyone who has a publicist." he says. "Who announces a breakup? I don't understand that! There's no need for that."

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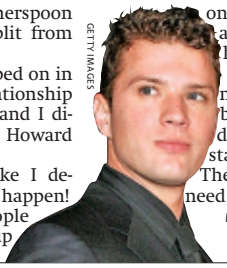
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Lightening lit up her love

AVRIL WHO? It looks like Avril Lavigne and Brody Jenner are betting their rumoured romance will last, as the pair reportedly got matching lightning bolt tattoos together while in Las Vegas, according to Gatecrasher.

"They showed up to the opening of Mario Barth King Ink and requested the same tats," a source says.

"They were really excited about it. They held hands openly and were kissing in a corner. Brody didn't leave Avril's side all night."

Jenner also recently introduced Lavigne to his mom, sources say, and Lavigne's ex-husband, Deryck Whibley, reportedly approves of the pairing.

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All the things money can buy

TOO BAD CLASS ISN'T ONE OF THEM Steven Seagal's assistant is suing the former action star for sexual harassment, illegal trafficking of females for sex, failure to prevent sexual harassment, retaliation, wrongful termination and false representation about employment, according to court papers obtained by Radar Online.

Kayden Nguyen claims Mr. Seagal treated her as his personal sex toy while in Louisiana working on his reality series, Steven Seagal: Lawman, in which he works for a local sheriff's office.

"Mr. Seagal has been keeping two young female Russian 'attendants' on staff who were available for his sexual needs 24 hours a day, seven days a week," the suit also alleges.

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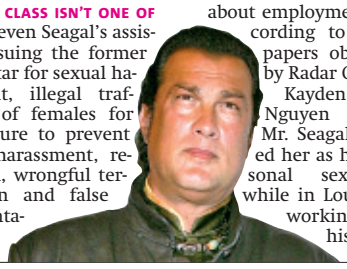

Just call him Henry VIII

JUST NEVER GIVE THE MAN AN AXE A fifth woman has come forward claiming a sexual relationship with Jesse James during his marriage to Sandra Bullock, according to Radar Online.

The woman, Merilee Gerth, is a former employee of James' West Coast Choppers — a position that reportedly led to a big payoff when their tryst soured.

"When Merilee ended her relationship with Jesse in mid-2007, he fired her, so she hired Gloria Allred and sued him claiming sexual harassment," a source says.

"Merilee had irrefutable evidence of her affair with Jesse, so they ended up settling out of court."

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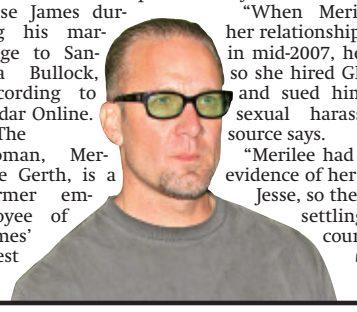

Baby-making ultimatum?

GET A BABY INSIDE OF ME OR GET OUT! Renée Zellweger is reportedly drawing a line in the sand with Bradley Cooper, telling the Hangover star that if he doesn't want to have a baby, they're through.

"Renee knows her biological clock is ticking and she's desperate to settle down and have a family," a source says, according to Hollyscoop.

"She has told Bradley in no uncertain terms that if he doesn't agree to raise a child with her, she sees no future for them as a couple.

"Renée is even prepared to adopt if she isn't able to get pregnant."

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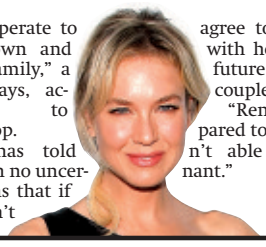

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EMMA ROBERTS is sorry for what she said about Target, **ELIZABETH TAYLOR** is happily single, and **CONAN O'BRIEN** has a new job.

@RobertsEmma Want to clear something up about a thought I shared in a fashion magazine about my desire to maybe design a clothing line. I did not mean for it to sound like I said Target is cheesy. I love Target and have been going there my whole life.

@DameElizabeth The rumors regarding my engagement simply aren't true. Jason is my manager and dearest friend. I love him with all my heart.

@ConanOBrien The good news: I will be doing a show on TBS starting in November! The bad news: I'll be playing Rudy on the all new Cosby Show.
ER!

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A hand from Down Under

THE (LOVE) WIZARD OF OZ? Jake Gyllenhaal has reportedly found help getting over Reese Witherspoon with Australian actress Isabel Lucas, according to the Toronto Sun.

Sources spotted the pair on a romantic date in Montreal recently.

When asked if they were seeing each other, Gyllenhaal said, "It's news to me, my friend. I don't know what you're talking about."

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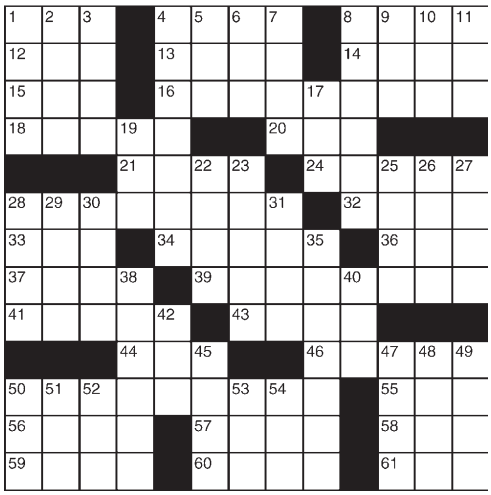

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45 Mulligan, for one
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50 Have bills
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54 Anger

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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Metro Recipe of the Day

French Onion Soup

INGREDIENTS:
6 cups thinly sliced onions
1 tbsp sugar
1/2 tsp pepper
1/3 cup vegetable oil
6 cups beef broth
8 slices French bread, toasted
1/2 cup shredded Parmesan or Swiss cheese

METHOD:
1. In Dutch oven, cook onions, sugar and pepper in oil over medium-low heat 20 minutes or until onions are caramelized, stirring frequently. Add broth; bring to boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 30 minutes.
2. Ladle soup into ovenproof bowls. Top each with slice of French bread; sprinkle with cheese. Broil 4-6 in. from heat until cheese is melted. Serve immediately.

SERVES 8

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Make the most of the next 24 hours. With the new moon working in your favor anything you start is sure to be a success.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You like to know what makes people tick, but the important question now is what motivates you. Think about it – then make it happen.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Make an effort to listen to people today, even people who bore or annoy you. You may find that you have more in common than you think.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A new moon at the midheaven angle of your chart means you want to be pushed, you want to show what you can do.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You are in no mood to compromise and that's good because the planets say there is no reason why you should. Go your own way, do your own thing.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
What you see today won't necessarily be what you get. In fact, you should be on your guard as tricksters of one kind or another are on the prowl.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Cosmic activity in your opposite sign means that the best way to impress other people is to be nice to them. Is that so hard?

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Scorpio is an ambitious sign and you are certainly not afraid of hard work, so roll up your sleeves and get started on a plan or project.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
More than anything else it is your mind that creates your reality. Positive thoughts and feelings will inevitably lead to positive results.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Don't try to make excuses or shift the blame. Be honest, both with yourself and with other people. It's okay to make mistakes

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Today's new moon falls in one of the most open and outgoing areas of your chart, so you'll want to go out and have a good time over the next 24 hours.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
The urge to spend your way out of your troubles is likely to be overwhelming, but you must resist. Luxuries are not the answer.

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